

# Zilker Park Vision Plan

## Community Meeting #5

December 7, 2022

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### Zoom Meeting Chat

#### Main Room

17:10:49 From 2 - Jamal Nelson, Facilitator To Everyone:

Yes!

17:28:04 From 2 - Jamal Nelson, Facilitator To Everyone:

Be right back!

17:33:00 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone(in Waiting Room):

Thank you for joining us this evening. We will be opening the meeting at 6 p.m.

17:49:03 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone(in Waiting Room):

Thank you for joining us this evening. We will be opening the meeting at 6 p.m.

17:56:10 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone(in Waiting Room):

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18:01:52 From Floyd Banks To Everyone:

I heard audio. Check your settings

18:01:54 From robin rather To Everyone:

Audio is working fine here.... Not sure if you all will be using the chat feature tonight or...

18:02:17 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

The chat feature will be available

18:05:48 From C - Gregory Montes To Everyone:

[Austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision](https://austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision)

18:07:33 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To Everyone:

Interpretation is available. If you are on your computer, you'll see a globe icon at the bottom of your screen. If you are on your tablet or phone, click the 3 dots, MORE, language interpretation and select your preferred language. Don't forget to press DONE!

Este hay interpretación. Si están en sus computadoras, presionen el ícono del globo en la parte de abajo de su pantalla. Si están en sus teléfonos o tabletas, hagan clic en los tres puntitos, más o more, seleccionen interpretación de idiomas y su idioma preferido. ¡No olviden presionar listo!

Please, if you have any problem with the language, do not suffer in silence, let us know in the chat.

Por favor, si tienen problemas con el idioma, no sufran en silencio. Comuníqueno en el chat.

18:09:43 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Can you please add me as interpreter?

18:10:04 From Janice Lowry To Everyone:

9

18:10:17 From Julia Joseph To Everyone:

Where's the survey

18:10:27 From jackie giu To Everyone:

how do you interact?

18:10:31 From David Weinberg To Everyone:

can you put the survey link in the chat

18:10:33 From Bobby Rigney To Everyone:

5

18:10:34 From Lisa A. To Everyone:

type in [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com)

18:10:36 From Julia Joseph To Everyone:

Oh I see it's on the link at the top of the slide

18:10:42 From Lisa Muir To Everyone:

I'm in 10.

18:10:50 From Kelly McClendon To Everyone:

78747

18:10:52 From jackie giu To Everyone:

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18:10:59 From Felicity Maxwell To Everyone:

<https://www.mentimeter.com/>

18:11:02 From B - Sonny Sin | Design Workshop To Everyone:

You can go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) and use the code of '2839 2556'

18:11:07 From Rosalie Boldin To Everyone:

78704

18:11:09 From Shannon Mullan To Everyone:

78749

18:11:10 From Bobby Rigney To Everyone:

78704

18:11:10 From Melinda Murphy To Everyone:

78729

18:11:20 From Bobby Rigney To Everyone:

78704

18:11:26 From Laure McLaughlin To Everyone:

sorry...not finding link to survey

18:11:31 From Laure McLaughlin To Everyone:

78746

18:11:34 From Felicity Maxwell To Everyone:

<https://www.mentimeter.com/>

18:11:37 From Judith Sims To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

please repeat the menti code

18:11:41 From Lisa Muir To Everyone:

78730

18:11:41 From David Castro To Everyone:

I dont understand how

18:11:46 From Felicity Maxwell To Everyone:

Code is 2839 2556'

18:11:47 From Mark May To Everyone:

please repeat Menti number

18:11:50 From Janice Lowry To Everyone:

78704

18:11:54 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

78749

18:11:57 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

78744

18:12:02 From Lisa Muir To Everyone:

55

18:12:04 From Bobby Rigney To Everyone:

68

18:12:05 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

41

18:12:06 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

58 & 48

18:12:08 From robin rather To Everyone:

In the previous surveys, there was a clear demographic bias, which was commented on and pointed out on numerous occasions. What has been done to fix this problem/ why do we continue to use tools that produce a highly skewed result, which is then used to justify plan decisions. This is a serious problem, not clear if it has been addressed in any way? Thanks.

18:12:10 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

11

18:12:15 From Shannon Mullan To Everyone:

38

18:12:16 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

39

18:12:18 From Kelly McClendon To Everyone:

32

18:12:23 From Ingrid Mortom To Everyone:

71

18:12:23 From Melinda Murphy To Everyone:

44

18:12:24 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

Y'all, you have to put it in the website, not the chat

18:13:10 From Ingrid Mortom To Everyone:

Woman

18:13:15 From David Castro To Everyone:

so youre only taking surveys from folks who can answer the question

18:13:17 From 2 - Arin Gray To Everyone:

[www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com)

18:13:28 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

[www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com), 2839 2556

18:13:37 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

You can go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) and use the code of '2839 2556'

18:14:24 From Ingrid Mortom To Everyone:

White

18:14:51 From David Castro To Everyone:

awesome

18:14:57 From Janice Lowry To Everyone:

white

18:15:08 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

Can you send out survey after meeting so we can spend the time for info and discussion?

18:15:14 From Janice Lowry To Everyone:

woman

18:15:19 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Can you please add me as interpreter?

18:15:27 From Damian Miranda To Everyone:

If you're using the Zoom app you should be able to navigate to your browser and the meeting will play in a minimized window

18:15:28 From Steve Prather To Everyone:

I have to use my phone for menti and laptop for the zoom meeting.

18:15:42 From PARD Justin Schneider To Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento(Privately):

I did. Let me check on that.

18:15:49 From robin rather To Everyone:

Same here Steve.

18:16:05 From PARD Justin Schneider To Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento(Privately):

I hope that works. Not sure what it did.

18:16:06 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

all done

18:16:09 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

thanks

18:16:19 From Ingrid Mortom To Everyone:

email

18:16:25 From Janice Lowry To Everyone:

SOS

18:16:36 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

SOS EMAIL

18:16:38 From Janice Lowry To Everyone:

Other

18:16:41 From Bobby Rigney To Everyone:

n-hood assn

18:17:54 From David Castro To Everyone:

volume

18:18:16 From Steve Prather To Everyone:

Can't hear.

18:18:20 From Silvia Gates To Everyone:

agreed.

18:18:27 From Curt Burdorf To Everyone:

volume lowered substantially

18:18:40 From Reynaldo Hernandez To Everyone:

Can not hear

18:18:49 From D Onna Price To Everyone:

nope no audio

18:18:53 From Sarah Faust To Everyone:

I can hear but its very low

18:19:00 From Julia Joseph To Everyone:

If you raise the volume you'll be good

18:19:02 From Craig Nazor To Everyone:

The audion is too soft.

18:19:05 From Silvia Gates To Everyone:

the video is very muted, everyone else is fine.

18:19:08 From Julia Joseph To Everyone:

wait the video rocks tho!

18:19:09 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

This is definitely inferior to previous meetings. And they were nothing to brag about

18:19:10 From Deana Dossey To Everyone:

audio low, but okay reading

18:19:41 From Reynaldo Hernandez To Everyone:

we can hear you fine, its the presentation that cant be heard

18:19:42 From Charlotte Tonsor To Everyone:

I appreciated the video! Watched it before - good overview!

18:19:43 From Michael C To Everyone:

If it's the same video as on the web page, it's a great video. Be sure to watch!

18:19:50 From Silvia Gates To Everyone:

agreed. video is available. I've seen.

18:20:06 From Anne Wheat To Everyone:

I'm in 78746. 65

18:20:29 From D Onna Price To Everyone:

78761 65

18:21:22 From Karen Blizzard To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

How long does this meeting last? I thought it was an hour.

18:21:58 From Sarah Faust To Everyone:

Are there notetakers in each room? Will there be a report with issues raised in the breakouts?

18:22:07 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

How long does this meeting last overall?

18:25:36 From Samantha Melomo To Everyone:

ends at 8

18:26:31 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

Each break out session is being recorded, this meeting is scheduled to end at 8 pm.

18:32:38 From Michael C To Everyone:

I see that the draft plans provides over 90 additional acres of ecological uplift. That's fantastic – almost 25% of the park is being greened!!! I recall that the ZNA “rewilding” plan proposes returning 75 acres of the park to a natural state, but it seems like you've done even better. Can you explain how the “nature and ecology” plan components are aligned with the Austin Climate Equity Plan and the Climate Resilience Action Plan?

18:33:25 From Ingrid Karklins To Everyone:

How does the Grow Zone along Azie Morton and Little/Old Zilker Creek factor in to the plan?

18:35:48 From John D To Everyone:

it appears those grow zones will be replaced with kids playground according to the pdf on site

18:37:06 From Silvia Gates To Everyone:

I'm also most concerned with how the plans affects Azie Morton areas given the large amount of neighbors that use and access the site.

18:37:30 From John D To Everyone:

the map showing on the zoom screen is different from the PDF on the city site

18:38:05 From Ingrid Karklins To Everyone:

Many years of dedicated volunteer effort has gone into that Grow Zone.

18:38:06 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

Thank you for the chat questions. We'll start with these questions when we open it up.

18:38:42 From Michael C To Everyone:

How is the uplift acreage count affected by the proposal to narrow Barton Springs Road?

18:39:13 From John D To Everyone:



these zoom images are also different. the PDF shows concrete and turf along the creek...

18:40:08 From John D To Everyone:

where are y'all tryna to put all the parking garages now?

18:41:07 From Michael C To Everyone:

Very much like the proposed conditions you show for Barton Creek shoreline -- lots of trees and nature and "softness". The conceptual drawing in the draft plan looks less natural with its shaped landscaping, but can we expect the final shoreline to look more natural and more like "Barton Creek"?

18:42:05 From Ingrid Karklins To Everyone:

What are the strategies for increasing plant genetic diversity? Sourcing?

18:42:25 From Christina DeStefano To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

If there's plans to reduce roadways, are there plans or incentives to increase bike access?

18:42:51 From Susan Whittle To Everyone:

Does "resilience" take into account the impact of ACL?

18:42:56 From PARD Justin Schneider To Christina DeStefano(Privately):

Great question: The Accessibility and Mobility session will talk about that!

18:43:22 From Asma Ahmed To Everyone:

Concerned about the survival of the disc golf course. This park is a meaningful amenity to many in Austin.

18:43:27 From Rob Parsons To Everyone:

Thanks Jonathan this has been great information!

18:44:32 From Josiah Mercer To Everyone:

I am also concerned about the disc golf course. It looks like some of the new sport facilities will be on some of the best parts of the current disc golf course. Will there be an 18-hole disc golf course under the current plan?

18:48:08 From Michael C To Everyone:

How did "ecological uplift" concepts affect the design recommendations for the structured/buried parking garages? Also, why aren't all of the garages buried garages? I'm assuming there are more aquifer-related issues with having buried garages closer to the creek,, but how was this considered.

18:48:55 From Steven To Everyone:

Will all the existing functions be maintained? Festivals, Frisbee, volleyball soccer since that's what the park in for?

18:49:31 From Patty Justice To Everyone:

👉 Wouldn't it be better to put the sports activities and parking in the area that is already flat, rather than change the Disc Golf course?

18:51:00 From Silvia Gates To Everyone:

love all the questions on the messages. I hope these are being recorded so we can get a follow up. The structured parking above ground, traffic flow, increased traffic that will definitely affect ecology...and drastically stop mobility.

18:51:49 From Michael C To Everyone:

Thank you!

18:51:55 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

Is this gonna happen?

18:52:52 From John D To Everyone:

I agree Silvia, garages kill mobility.

18:53:03 From Michael C To Everyone:

sorry, what's the topic here?

18:53:14 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

had to miss the first portion of the meeting. has discussion about the disc golf course changes taken place?

18:53:39 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

Why is Central Park not considering this? I am saying do not give this to LiveNation. I do not trust their convergency

18:55:18 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

Not yet, Chaz. Just a quick mention of it. We can chat about it in the next session.

18:55:19 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

Why are we calling the Park a Venue now?

18:55:40 From Rob Parsons To Everyone:

thank you for your very extensive outreach process!

18:56:23 From Chaz Armijo To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

thank you. I think it would be appropriate to cover it in the preserving history portion of the meeting since it is a historic piece of the property.

18:56:28 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

Richard, I believe this is being used as a general term for "place."

18:56:34 From K brimble To Everyone:

Having adequate parking is an equity and access issue. It allows all Austinites to join the park.

18:56:52 From Silvia Gates To Everyone:

This does look like a very extensive outreach, but I just heard about it a couple weeks ago. I'm blown away that many in the neighborhood know nothing about this.

18:57:00 From PARD Justin Schneider To Chaz Armijo(Privately):

I think that is fair. We have some of our historians in this session.

18:57:12 From PARD Justin Schneider To Chaz Armijo(Privately):

Always thinking!

18:57:27 From Chaz Armijo To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

awesome. thanks

18:58:37 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

So glad you are hearing about it now, Sylvia! We know we can't get to everyone, so we try to rely on neighborhood associations to reach out also.

18:58:45 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

@ Justin, I understand, the point I am making is that the city and the lobbyists are trying to turn the park into a Revenue center

18:58:54 From Daniela Brown To Everyone:

I was already in this breakout room presentation, can I be added to another session?

18:59:12 From K brimble To Everyone:

The interpretative storyline is an important part of the park. We need to know what and who was here before we were

18:59:47 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

It's. A. Park! It's for people, and not business!

19:00:21 From K brimble To Everyone:

Of course it is Richard. No one wants to turn it into a business.

19:00:35 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Sonny was impossible!

19:01:00 From B - Erin McClelland To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Daniela Brown is asking me to move her to a different breakout room. She said she saw this already.

19:01:03 From Michael C To Everyone:

Definitely agree that equity, diversity, and inclusion priorities are important. As Andrew Zilker said when he donated the park, Zilker Metropolitan Park "ought to belong to all the people of Austin." Are these priorities HELPED or HURT by reducing parking access from 2479 parking spaces (as the draft plan proposes) to the current number of paved parking spaces (which is only 1300 parking spaces).

19:02:00 From Christina DeStefano To Everyone:

If there's plans to build stages, what is the dedication / obligation to book local artists based here?

19:02:28 From K brimble To Everyone:

The stage is for Zilker Hillside Theater not music

19:02:34 From Ingrid Karklins To Everyone:

Isn't the Disc Golf Course a Grow Zone?

19:03:54 From Daniela Brown To Everyone:

What is this going to do to further protect the Ecology ? (since we have seen the continued decline as Austin has continued to grow)

19:04:19 From Daniela Brown To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

I was already in this session (equity and diversity) can I be added to the ecology one?

19:04:34 From Michael C To Everyone:

What are some of the draft plan components that make non-white visitors feel welcome in Zilker Park?

19:05:39 From Susan Whittle To Everyone:

How does the notion of "inclusion" accommodate ticket prices and levels of participation with regard to ACL and Trail of Lights?

19:05:51 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

What could be offered? What ideas do you have Michael?

19:06:08 From John D To Everyone:

I was told that all the ground parking would remain along the south side of Barton Springs pool, but renderings suggest otherwise (turned into kids playscapes). Which is it? if it's playscapes, what are the chances of keeping this ground parking and who should I list my concerns to? What district of the city is this?

Any chances we can save Lou Neff Road too?

19:06:27 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

I appreciate any input for sure, I am just learning about this plan

19:07:04 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

please help us with your speed

19:07:08 From Samantha Melomo To Everyone:

my concern is if we put too much emphasis on venue space the park will be rented out more and more by big money companies and leave less time for people to just go enjoy it

19:07:13 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

please

19:07:13 From Michael C To Everyone:

Just to be clear, the draft plan does NOT have extensive expansion of parking. But it does provide essentially the same amount of total parking capacity, but in structure garages instead of on the green fields. The transit segment is robust and exciting – and outlines plans that many could consider even “ideal.”

19:07:17 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

Instead of kids playscape on the south side, it should be an adult outside workout facility. There is a playground at both Zilker Elementary and Barton Hills elementary

19:07:30 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

when you read you are going too fast

19:07:31 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

When will a phytoremediation feasibility study be conducted for the landfill?

19:07:32 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

please

19:08:11 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

has it been considered that the area

being proposed to remove the disc golf holes would require many trees to be removed for the introduction of the new sports courts? it's also important to see that that area has a large variance in the elevation and when need major leveling whereas the polo field area is much more flat and more accommodating area for sport courts without the need for tree removal and ground leveling.

19:08:43 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

\*would need major leveling

19:08:47 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

The existing disc golf area contains good soils and healthy tree cover. Why would this be destroyed?

19:09:04 From Ingrid Karklins To Everyone:

Who in Watershed Protection being included in the planning process?

19:10:13 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

Why are you still doing zoom meetings when in-person would enhance communications and input?

19:10:15 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

When you have a chance, send info on Saturday

19:10:39 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

please help us with your speed when you read

19:10:55 From Richard Lawson To Everyone:

Can anyone speak to the historic aspect of the historic disc golf course?

19:11:07 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

I only have the time, but not where is going to be and the format (to know if one interpreter would suffice or if 2 and equipment are needed)

19:12:41 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

The course was designed and installed in 1987 and the nine holes that are being proposed to be destroyed are the first ever designed by the now-famous course designer named John houck.

19:13:08 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

If you do not support a phytoremediation study is this because you know phytoremediation would be more practical and less costly?? That is

19:13:10 From Susan Whittle To Everyone:

So impact issues of ACL and TOL were not taken into consideration in PARD planning?

19:13:31 From Samantha Melomo To Everyone:

Venue conversation please

19:13:54 From Samantha Melomo To Everyone:

what is the relation to live nation

19:14:24 From Michael C To Everyone:

that was a nature/ecology topic

19:15:19 From Michael C To Everyone:

Thanks, y'all!

19:15:54 From Michael C To Everyone:

Hi Sarah. Love your tree!

19:16:55 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Please ask Claire to help us with her speed

19:17:01 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

she is too fast

19:17:30 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Thank you so much!!!!

19:17:42 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

she is the fastest!!!

19:17:43 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

Topic for this section: Accessibility

19:19:44 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

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19:20:15 From Michael C To Everyone:

While I like the consolidation of ugly surface parking into buried/green parking structures (and reduced impervious cover to reclaim 8 acres of park use), did y'all look into using existing area garages, and if so what did you find?

19:21:14 From Michael C To Everyone:

I was just told that the new Dougherty Arts Center/Garage was kaput. Might be wrong, but worth confirming.

19:21:29 From Samantha Melomo To Everyone:

omg a bridge from dougherty ?? thats huge

19:21:34 From John D To Everyone:

Michael, she just discussed this. yes, a shuttle ran to a garage down the street from the parks

19:23:03 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

due MC, if you have parking to go to the park, if it 'ugly' for being above surface they allow access to the park!

19:23:38 From K brimble To Everyone:

Shuttles and the train are a great way to move people throughout the park.

19:24:12 From Susan Whittle To Everyone:

How will morning and evening commute times through the park from Zilker and Barton Hills neighborhoods to and from MoPac be impacted as the result of reducing lanes to one way each way?

19:25:17 From Steven To Everyone:

How does this work for ACL and Blues on the Green?

19:26:56 From Michael C To Everyone:

Regarding Barton Springs Road, are the planners coordinating with the Public Works' Department's recommendations for replacing Barton Springs Road bridge? It's not clear if Public Works is proposing a bigger or wider bridge, but are y'all in communication?

19:27:03 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

they done some traffic calming strategies over in my neighborhood by ponciana and it really seems to have helped with traffic speed.

19:27:32 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

how flexible is the mobility plan as it impacts the existing historic disc golf course?

19:28:56 From K brimble To Everyone:

Are you recommending that existing parking is not eliminated until new parking is available?

19:28:56 From Christina DeStefano To Everyone:

Does the buried parking garage impact the aquifers and the water table?

19:30:10 From Patty Justice To Everyone:

Couldn't the parking designed to replace part of the Disc Golf course be put in an area that is already flat?

19:30:46 From Steven To Everyone:

Sorry, I don't have a microphone.

19:32:09 From Steven To Everyone:

The set up and tear down of ACL and Accommodating semis Rv's etc.?

19:33:37 From Patty Justice To Everyone:

yes!

19:34:10 From Michael C To Everyone:

Steven is probably asking about the Butler Landfill Area being recovered for natural area, and whether that will impact the ACL festival.

19:34:51 From Susan Whittle To Everyone:

Is it fair to say that the Vision Plan has been conceived, more or less, in a vacuum without regard to the impacts of revenue producing events by commercial third parties and reduction of two lanes of traffic each way to one lane each way?

19:35:02 From Patty Justice To Everyone:



Thank you, Chaz. We'll said.

19:36:18 From Steven To Everyone:

I assume that when we have more pandemics, the loop roads could be converted to car use? That literally saved the Trail of Lights over the past two years, I'm glad it's back to walking. The Fun Run was great!

19:36:59 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Nevermind my previous question. I just saw Claire's email, interpretation is no longer needed on Saturday

19:38:37 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

sounds like you have a good plan for event stuff!

19:38:46 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

As we close out our breakout sessions, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here: <https://www.publicinput.com/ZilkerVision> and you can share your comment or question in the main room. Thank you for participating in tonight's breakout session!

Feedback: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>. Contact for additional questions: [ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov](mailto:ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov). In-person meeting will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McBeth Recreation Center.

19:38:53 From Don Weckler To Everyone:

This course was designed in 1987 by the now-famous course designer, John Houck. Please leave the disc golf course as is. Any parking should be located in the polo area.

19:39:36 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

thank you for all you are doing to consider this input

19:39:53 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

don: leaving 9 holes for the famous and 9 for the new is not a bad thing!

19:40:02 From John D To Everyone:

I share a lot of great memories near the ground parking along the south side of the springs pool and Lou Neff Rd. I work online from my vehicle, cook near my vehicle, enjoy various food trucks that visit these areas, enjoy being able to have my vehicle to bring in sports, musical, and recreation gear, cooking gear, power for other activities etc. Some people just enjoy driving to the parks to enjoy sunset from their vehicle, one man has mobility limitations... All that to say that replacing ground parking with garage parking will restrict people in many ways, and effect social activities. What are the chances and ways to save ground parking?

19:41:44 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

Topic for this section: Finance and Implementation

19:42:15 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Slow down

19:42:17 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

please

19:42:20 From Interpreter - Gabriela Murga To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Please his speed

19:45:46 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

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19:47:37 From PARD Justin Schneider To Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento(Privately):

Sorry for seeing this late. And I keep trying to remind myself too!!

19:49:12 From Michael C To Everyone:

Why can't the city FULLY FUND the Parks Department, ecological restoration, and any capital improvement projects at Zilker? Isn't there some magical money pot? ME WANT SOME! In all seriousness, doesn't official city policy require public private partnerships to care for and improve our parks?

19:50:43 From K brimble To Everyone:

This phased plan which considers the benefit and level of cost is a great framework for moving forward

19:50:44 From Ingrid Karklins To Everyone:

Include Keep Austin Beautiful and TreeFolks

19:51:09 From K brimble To Everyone:

Yes, KAB and TreeFolks are awesome

19:51:31 From Ingrid Karklins To Everyone:

Maybe also American Youth Works

19:53:58 From Brian Parker To Everyone:

Love hearing about the planned improvements - but I'm worried about the impact to the disc golf course.

19:55:34 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

The Siglo/DW excavation/fill strategy to “restore” the landfill is “high cost.” Since it is considered to be “high benefit”, then WHY hasn’t a phytoremediation feasibility study for the landfill been conducted since it is low cost??

19:57:22 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

if we expand parking, from what I hear is the comonate tied directly to the park, can it offset construction cost, and help cover the other revenue gap?

19:57:32 From Patty Justice To Everyone:

I may have missed it, does a percentage of income for parks come from taxes, like property taxes? If so, what is that percentage or average amount for Zilker?

19:59:10 From Brian Parker To Everyone:

Part of the Central Area labeled "Polo Field Lawn" is currently allocated to disc golf. Might be mislabeled?

20:02:14 From Michael C To Everyone:

Is the plan privatizing the park? And which "corporate donors and commercial interests" have had outsized influence on the plan? So and so says so, but I'm not seeing it.

20:03:02 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

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20:03:47 From Patty Justice To Everyone:

Thank you!

20:04:50 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

Michal ? What? have you listened to any of this?

20:05:09 From Steven To Everyone:

Will volleyball courts be close to parking? When tournaments are held, canopies and coolers and sound systems are needed. Had to rent a pump once when it rained too.

20:05:36 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

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20:06:06 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

People needs to select language again

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20:06:22 From David Weinberg To Everyone:

is there an opportunity for general comment and not a question?

20:06:25 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento To Everyone:

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Este hay interpretación. Si están en sus computadoras, presionen el ícono del globo en la parte de abajo de su pantalla. Si están en sus teléfonos o tabletas, hagan clic en los tres puntitos, más o more, seleccionen interpretación de idiomas y su idioma preferido. ¡No olviden presionar listo!

Please, if you have any problem with the language, do not suffer in silence, let us know in the chat.

Por favor, si tienen problemas con el idioma, no sufran en silencio. Comuníqueno en el chat.

20:06:33 From Judith Sims To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Lots of pontificating from same people in our breakout group.

20:06:36 From Deana Dossey To Everyone:

thank you all so much for your work to include us in the vision planning

20:07:04 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

Ana could you share that info with me by email?

20:07:07 From Michael C To Everyone:

Agreed. Great work on a most challenging project.

20:07:14 From Chris Holcomb To Everyone:

this was all impressively well handled with the breakouts

20:08:39 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

Congratulations on all the tremendous work to create the Vision Plan draft.

20:08:47 From A - Ana Gonzalez To Everyone:

@Roy, please send me an email at ana.gonzalez@austintexas.gov with the specific question(s) you want our department to address and I'll be happy to compile a response in consultation with our policy review staff

20:08:56 From Gordon Kelley To Everyone:

Great comment David!

20:08:57 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

David, 'play grounds ot what NOT' how di you grow up playing?

20:09:27 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

Who is leading the implementation of the sports courts?

20:09:36 From Sarah Faust To Everyone:

Also the hillside theater location removes space currently used as open field.

20:09:38 From Laure McLaughlin To Everyone:

Would like clarification on whether a Zilker-specific non profit exists or is being discussed?

20:09:53 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

you got it thanks

20:09:55 From John D To Everyone:

I share a lot of great memories near the ground parking along the south side of the springs pool and Lou Neff Rd. I work online from my vehicle, cook near my vehicle, enjoy various food trucks that visit these areas, enjoy being able to have my vehicle to bring in sports, musical, and recreation gear, cooking gear, power for other activities etc. Some people just enjoy driving to the parks to enjoy sunset from their vehicle, one man has mobility limitations... All that to say that replacing ground parking with garage parking will restrict people in many ways, and effect social activities. What are the chances and ways to save ground parking?

20:10:03 From Trina To Everyone:

Will answers to the questions that were not answered during the breakout sessions due to time constraints be provided via email or by another means or is the purpose of this time to cut and paste the questions again here? Thank you.

20:10:09 From David Weinberg To Everyone:

but there is no field in that sports area by mopac that I see

20:10:33 From Jessica Walbridge To Everyone:

Can someone please confirm which lawns will be removed? What is the status of the field b/t Azie Morton and the pool? Thank you.

20:10:56 From Mark May To Everyone:

The Azie Morton duplicate playground is added since ACL blocks access to the main playground. This makes no sense.

20:11:00 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

Who in the community advocated for the Sports Complex? I didn't see it when I reviewed the public input from last year. The exceptions would be creating space for the existing fields that are being relocated, and there should be focus on retaining the disc golf course best holes.

20:12:57 From Sarah Faust To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Justin, it would be helpful if you all could take people's comments without defending or telling people why they are wrong, which I just heard from Claire and happened in my breakouts from Greg - the purpose of inviting people here is to take public input and answer questions, not defend positions in the plan.

20:13:22 From Christy Muse To Everyone:

Understanding we are in a vision phase now, assuming this is close to what will move forward, is there a timeline or plan for when a more in-depth geologic study of the sensitive karst springs system will be performed? Specifically when it comes to risk associated with the disturbance of the underground parking. Thanks!

20:13:23 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

Phillip, regarding implementing sports courts, that has not been decided and would come at a later time if it is included in the final vision plan.

20:13:29 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

blue hole looks really good since the rework a few years back!

20:13:51 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

Yes .. great job with Blue Hole!

20:14:02 From Michael C To Everyone:

Nelson, check out pages 137-138 of the draft plan to see a conceptual drawing of the Barking Springs/Spillway. Looks like a flood-resistant design with some trees and nature landscaping, but that could probably be improved.

20:14:20 From Chris Holcomb To Everyone:

i appreciate the improvements, but it's worth noting that the monkey tree and barking springs area is a culturally diverse and culturally significant area with weekly sunday gatherings

20:14:24 From Jessica Walbridge To Everyone:

Hello,What about access for dogs to Barkin?

20:14:57 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

The Siglo/DW excavation/fill strategy to "restore" the landfill is "high cost." Since it is considered to be "high benefit", then WHY hasn't a phytoremediation feasibility study for the landfill been conducted since phytoremediation would be low cost and a greener solution??

20:15:00 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

Thanks Justin, who can we speak with to address our concerns with sports implementation?

20:15:14 From Jessica Walbridge To Everyone:

Or what about a proposal to move ACL to another site? Was that a part of the consideration?

20:15:23 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

i.e. how many courts, facility options etc @Justin

20:15:48 From Ed Scruggs To Everyone:

Are there plans to move the Rowing Dock to another location and if so, what is the motivation for that change?

20:15:55 From Anne Wheat To Everyone:

Where are the restrooms for the big field? And Barking Springs? And South side of the pool?

20:16:15 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

There are many great examples of city-nonprofit partnerships in other cities.

20:16:31 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

New York, Portland, SF...

20:16:38 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

Zilker should have one

20:17:08 From PARD Justin Schneider To Sarah Faust(Privately):

Thank you for letting me know. I will remind them.

20:17:18 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

great to see so many engaged citizens, wish we had a broader input.

20:17:28 From Bill Bunch To Everyone:

please read Parks for Profit; Selling Nature in the City by Kevin Loughran; you might see things differently

20:18:14 From Gordon Kelley To Everyone:

Some of the maps are inaccurate. The 'current' map for the disc golf/sports area shows no disc golf south of the current park road. So when the proposed map shows a bunch of extra room for disc golf by "shifting" it into that area, that is not correct. Half of the existing course is already over there in between Sunshine Camp and the new maintenance barn.

20:18:15 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

Thanks Bill

20:18:33 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

what studies have been done to determine level of use for the different activities at the park?  
how well they impact the decision making?

20:18:50 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

\*how will

20:19:09 From Chris Holcomb To Everyone:

Roy, speaking as a former young person, many don't realize they'll be around for so long. I see many young people at barkin springs, the great lawn, and driving in and parking to gain access near the park or at trailheads.

20:19:14 From Bill Bunch To Everyone:

you are welcome; yes of course they do good things but things go awry more often than not

20:19:22 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

APF dose great stuff, also note teens and 20s spend thier mony, and sales tax revene being one of the main componates of city revenue are very really contributing to Austin parks!

20:19:26 From Jessica Walbridge To Everyone:

Something that has struck me throughout this presentation: This is being presented as a DRAFT in the Concept Phase and yet, the presenting team is using language like "we will, we have." And some of our policy questions have been referred to the implementation phase, which feels really backwards. I really appreciate this session, but I am not clear on what is already baked and what is still up for discussion and that is a bit frustrating.

20:20:19 From Walt Neuschaefer To Everyone:

Does state law permit use of hotel occupancy tax to fund parks rather than sending all the tax revenue to convention center??

20:20:26 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

right you are Jessica

20:20:31 From Judith Sims To Everyone:

Check out the Barton Springs Conservancy website.



20:20:59 From Craig Nazor To Everyone:

ACL has not been mentioned in the plan or by any presenter until questions have been asked about. I get that ACL is controversial. Nevertheless, I think it HAS to be a part of this discussion if you want major trust/buy-in for this project. Also, a significant number of participants in these discussions have talked extensively about "rewilding." It appears that you have consider this in some of your planning, but the connection hasn't been made verbally. I'm not sure why that is.

20:21:07 From Daniela Brown To Everyone:

I think due to the value of Zilker its important that anyone making these kinds of changes put in writing what will be done if they mess up, and the value of the ecology ends up being degraded

20:21:59 From K brimble To Everyone:

This is a very well considered plan.

20:22:39 From Bill Bunch To Everyone:

not necessary to remove; just let the trees grow and if there are toxins they are better locked up within the biomass; no need to cut it down and haul it off

20:22:40 From PARD Justin Schneider To Everyone:

Thanks, Phillip. Number of courts, types of courts, options like that would be a part of that process with additional input from community members.

20:23:14 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

I agree Craig, continuing to conduct ACL here feels like the exact opposite of a goal to "rewild" the park. @Claire, I understand many people come to the park for events. However, many of these people are not tax paying residents.

20:23:48 From Bill Bunch To Everyone:

if the waste were a problem it would have already been abundantly clear; we don't need to dig up anything

20:23:51 From D - Charlie McCabe (Finance/Implementation) To Everyone:

In response to Walt's Q about use of Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) in parks, yes they are used for improvements subject to rules laid out by city council, usually historic structures.

20:23:53 From Gordon Kelley To Everyone:

The plan shows putting a parking lot and a big Sports Area on a large part of the existing disc golf course land. The Sports Area having Volleyball courts, sports courts, children's play area, and a baseball field.

The problems with this are:

1) You are taking an area with elevation change (area of holes 11 – 16) and putting sports courts, playground, parking lot, and baseball field there; things that need flat ground so they will have to

flatten everything and remove lots of trees. 2) The maps are inaccurate; you can't shift part of the course to south of the existing park road because the course is already there (holes 1 – 9).

3) You are taking away a large number of the oldest and best holes out there.

20:24:01 From Gordon Kelley To Everyone:

So a good solution is for the plan to put ALL this stuff over where it is already completely flat: the Polo Picnic Area parking lot, picnic tables, space between there and the concrete bathrooms, and part of the Polo Field Lawn. Don't move the disc golf course to this area, put all these other things there.

And then leave the disc golf course where it is.

20:24:02 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

Has a survey ever been conducted with the public on what residents want to do with these types of events in the park?

20:24:10 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

Exactly, no reason to remove the trees.

20:24:34 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

NO...not if you incorporate bacteria and fungi

20:25:17 From Patty Justice To Everyone:

Some of the maps are inaccurate. I understand this is a 'draft'; however part of the inaccuracy directly affects how the Disc Golf part looks. There wouldn't actually be any extra room like it shows on the map.

20:25:43 From Sarah Faust To Everyone:

I asked a question in my breakout if you all could elaborate on the role of Zilker Collective, they were listed on a slide as "collaborators" on par with boards and commissions. Who is this group, and how did they become a collaborator? I was told this question could not be answered in the breakout but would be answered in the open session.

20:25:51 From Jessica Walbridge To Everyone:

It feels like some of the point of this plan to is fix the ACL parking and playscape access problem.. If there was no ACL, there would be no ACL parking and access problems. And if it is only contributes \$1m in revenue that hardly seems worth the expense.

20:25:58 From K brimble To Everyone:

There are lots of taxpayers that enjoy going to ACL. Zilker should be a park for everyone.

20:26:06 From David Weinberg To Everyone:

moving them to where? there is no sports field in the sports complex design.

20:26:42 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

This is just a vision plan. So we still have time to conduct a phytoremediation study. The time is now for greener strategies.

20:27:15 From Nelson Guda To Everyone:

I agree completely with this. Austin is getting shafted for ACL compared to what other cities get for festivals of similar size. Why do we have to give up our park for 10% of the year?

20:27:16 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

I enjoy ACL but not at the cost of not being able to access the park for months. I rather enjoy it somewhere different like Circuit of Americas

20:27:53 From Don Weckler To Everyone:

Does the city have an estimate of the number of users on the disc golf course?

The course was changed to add a maintenance shed, and the holes that replaced that space are very nice, thank you very much, but IMO existing park amenities should not be sacrificed to add new ones.

20:27:53 From Chris Holcomb To Everyone:

I really don't understand all the complaints about ACL. There are many amenities open year-round despite it.

20:27:58 From Craig Nator To Everyone:

ACL is an exclusive use. few other events are an exclusive use. ACL can be moved to a more suitable area in Austin.

20:28:04 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

I asked a question earlier about who in the community is advocating for the Sports Complex?

20:28:05 From Neil Jeffery To Everyone:

we need playscapes for kids, look at how many kids play on a playscape per acher over a baseball field it good use

20:28:06 From Judith Sims To PARD Justin Schneider(Privately):

Great, Justin!

20:29:09 From Bill Bunch To Everyone:

the place for the new rowing dock is up on a bluff; makes zero sense

20:29:55 From David Weinberg To Everyone:

Neil, there are brand new playgrounds at butler shores, there are also playgrounds at zilker and barton hills elementary. I live by Zilker and I'm not aware of any clamoring for more playgrounds in the park.

20:30:04 From Mark May To Everyone:

Neil- Totally support playscapes, let's make ACL allow access to the existing one. You keep your playscape access, I keep my fields

20:30:12 From David Weinberg To Everyone:

Losing all of the sports fields for 1/4th of the year would be lousy.

20:30:34 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

Walter Long Park would be a great place for ACL but it will never happen since it doesn't have the back drop of the Austin Skyline. Marketing baby!

20:30:38 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

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20:31:43 From Reynaldo Hernandez To Everyone:

Thank you all

20:31:51 From Michael C To Everyone:

Thanks, y'all!!!!!!

20:32:32 From K brimble To Everyone:

Thanks for creating this forum for hearing community members' thoughts and concerns.

20:33:07 From Gordon Kelley To Everyone:

inaccurate maps: 145/146 "current" and 147/148 "proposed". also 125/126 and 127/128.

20:33:26 From Craig Nazor To Everyone:

This was a useful discussion. Thanks to those who helped make it work.

20:33:52 From Christy Muse To Everyone:

Feeling grateful for the good work here and for our community's watchful eyes. Thank you.

20:34:41 From Michael C To Everyone:

The current uses are described in fair detail in the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment report, [https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning\\_and\\_Development/Zilker\\_Vision/Z\\_PVP\\_SANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning_and_Development/Zilker_Vision/Z_PVP_SANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf)

20:36:51 From Trina To Everyone:

Ms. Hempel answered a question regarding whether a proposal was made to move ACL to another site. My understanding of her response was that the public felt it was important to keep events at Zilker. However, I understand the response to have grouped Zilker activities together rather than isolating it to ACL. Can you clarify if the public was asked about moving only ACL to another location, and if so, where can the results be found? Thank you.

20:36:57 From Lara Foss To Everyone:

Some folks love ACL in Zilker

20:37:12 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

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20:37:15 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

Please engage volleyball and other sport communities already using the park in the process, i.e. - Austin Sports and Social, Sportskind

20:37:38 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

None of the people I've spoken with from these organizations were familiar with this vision plan

20:38:16 From Steven To Everyone:

Zilker makes ACL special!

20:38:56 From Michael C To Everyone:

I certainly enjoy ACL at Zilker, as do my miserable children, friends, and family. It's a splendid experience for people to enjoy music in this SPECTACULAR outdoor setting.

20:39:08 From Chaz Armijo To Everyone:

thank you all

20:39:17 From Lara Foss To Everyone:

Great job Justin! Thank you!!!!

20:39:21 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

Phillip there is still time to organize folks to have their say. There's a lot of talk about the outreach but it seems sorely lacking to very specific groups of park users. Organize!

20:39:23 From Craig Nazor To Everyone:

ACL is an inequitable use of parkland. Many people cannot afford it.

20:39:24 From Jessica Walbridge To Everyone:

Thank you.

20:39:25 From Trina To Everyone:

Thank you.

20:39:29 From Gordon Kelley To Everyone:

Thanks Y'all.

20:42:34 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

Thanks!

20:42:39 From Roy Waley To Everyone:

This is an insiders game. What about backing off and doing real outreach. Something as simple as going to the Park and engaging citizens like the sports court users

20:42:41 From Shannon Mullan To Everyone:

thanks so much everyone

20:42:51 From Don Weckler To Everyone:

Has anyone who has intended changes to the disc golf course ever tried the sport?

Disc golf is a great low-impact sport for everyone from 8 to 80 years old. Try it you will love it.

20:42:53 From Shannon Mullan To Everyone:

great question!

20:43:54 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To Everyone:

Outreach could use improvement from everyday park users

20:44:02 From Shannon Mullan To Everyone:

thanks Karen 🙏

20:44:49 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

They have done a tremendous amount of outreach. Of course more can always be done.

20:44:55 From Shannon Mullan To Everyone:

how about lawn signs at the park? to let folks know

20:45:01 From Elizabeth McGreevy To Everyone:

It's because they only asked questions of people using the pool.

20:45:29 From Shannon Mullan To Everyone:

thanks so much for organizing! happy to be a part of it.

20:46:19 From Karen Blizzard To Everyone:

Thank you all for this tremendous work and facilitation!!!

20:46:50 From Chris Holcomb To Everyone:

really professional job folks, impressed. we all care about this. cheers, thanks

20:47:21 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga To Everyone:

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20:47:31 From Trina To Everyone:

If responses are provided to the unanswered questions during this meeting, can you let us know where to find those?

### Breakout Room 1

18:34:57 From Daniela Brown : What do you mean by Zilker Park being an interpretive experience for people ?

18:37:22 From B - Erin McClelland : Daniela, in this case, "interpretation" is referring to a specific field of work that is intended to help members of the public better understand and connect with the park's resources (plants, animals, history, culture, etc.)

18:38:27 From B - Erin McClelland : If you've ever participated in a guided hike, toured a visitor center exhibit, or looked at signs along a trail, you've experienced interpretation. Let me know if I can help clarify further.

18:38:55 From Mark May : Money and transportation are equity

18:40:04 From Daniela Brown : Fantastic when are we talking about how this will better protect the Ecology

18:41:30 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Which session would be the appropriate time to discuss the building of the sports area?

18:42:16 From B - Erin McClelland : Great point, Craig. QR codes are a great way to give people added depth, but they do also present an equity issue - you need a smart phone to use them. So they can't be the only tool - but they're certainly a tool we can and should use.

18:42:38 From Lys Santamaria, Artist : Perhaps the QR code can also include interpretation for different languages so that everyone can have access to the information

18:43:16 From Craig Nazor : 👍

18:43:32 From B - Erin McClelland : Absolutely, Lys! That's a great use of QR codes.

18:44:48 From B - Erin McClelland To 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator(privately) : Let me know if I'm overstepping by answering these questions in chat. Just trying to chime in where I'm knowledgeable.

18:45:12 From Roy Waley : leave the hillside alone and ditch the over priced land bridge.

18:45:22 From Lisa A. : ^ I second this

18:45:57 From 1 - Katherine Giles, Facilitator : We have five minutes left for this session. If you have any unanswered questions about this topic, please share them again when we move to the main room. But before we switch topics, we'll take one or two more questions.

18:46:53 From Mark May : please note it's not fair to overspend in Zilker and ignore other parks

18:48:33 From 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator : You can view the draft plan and share your input by visiting: <https://www.publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>

18:50:23 From Judith Sims : I applaud all the hard work on the part of City staff and consultants. I think this section of the plan is commendable.

18:51:07 From Gordon Kelley : I support the plan, overall; but it needs some adjustments. Love the land bridge and the parking garages, especially the underground one. But the Sports Area should be moved off of the existing disc golf course - move it over to the Polo Field and the area that is currently the Polo Picnic parking lot and picnic tables, the area between there and the bathrooms. Leave the disc golf course alone.

18:51:55 From Roy Waley : I agree with CM Vela. What's wrong with Zilker?

18:53:15 From Roy Waley : Will Planning Commish have a vote on this plan?

18:56:36 From Judith Sims : Please add means of getting from parking garages to pool; for example electric carts.

18:59:01 From Gordon Kelley : Shuttles will need to be very frequent to be convenient enough to be usable and desirable.

19:00:33 From Roy Waley : Will the lane reduction lead to a flyover from MoPac to Chavez?

19:03:24 From Roy Waley : right!

19:05:08 From Daniela Brown : What is this going to do to further protect the Ecology ? (since we have seen the continued decline as Austin has continued to grow)

19:06:35 From Jim Bayliss : I live in Barton Terrace (north Barton Hills) and oppose any lane reductions on Barton Springs Road getting to and from Mopac and Bee Cave Rd. Any lane reductions here will create a huge bottleneck.

19:09:27 From Roy Waley : Parking is seasonal. Why have huge parking facilities that aren't used during the winter?



19:09:53 From 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator : We have about 6 minutes left in this breakout so we will do our best to get to as many questions as possible. If we do not get to your question, please feel free to ask it when we're back in the main session.

19:10:01 From Roy Waley : I'm very glad the volley ball and sports voices are here.

19:11:28 From Daniela Brown : Will any trees be cut down for these parking garages?

19:11:31 From Daniela Brown : How many?

19:11:54 From Daniela Brown : Is there a plan to replace / regenerate any of the nature that is being destroyed for these new buildings?

19:12:11 From Judith Sims : The total impervious cover will be reduced in this plan, correct?

19:14:03 From Daniela Brown : For the barton spring banks project, the mockups look like there will be a lot of pavement and less trees. Is that the case?

19:16:04 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Phillip Smith's Notes:  
-Close parking to accommodate 60+ volleyball players (5 courts of 6 vs 6 and spectators), sports court users, and staff carrying equipment  
-Thoroughfares away from the courts (safety hazard with balls going into traffic)  
-Consider the safety of people parking under the MOPAC bridge crossing a busy road into the park for sports court usage

19:16:09 From Gordon Kelley : Please move the parking lot by the sports area over close to the sunshine camp entrance. Then move all the sports area over close to there too, utilizing the flat land over there rather than the land where it is shown in the plan which is NOT flat and would have to be flattened.

19:16:31 From Brian Litke : It seems like adding new amenities to Zilker like the sports complex is going to drive more traffic to an already popular venue. The pickleball, volleyball, and baseball could be provided by smaller parks other than Zilker, leaving Zilker to be a great park for the amenities that already exist there and are well used. Those sports courts also reduce natural environment, whereas the disc golf course currently in that area retains all the natural trees and flora.

19:16:40 From Gordon Kelley : Thanks Roy!

19:17:12 From Roy Waley : I new shuttle protocol is needed for pets, chairs, ice chests etc

19:17:18 From Girard Kinney : I have several questions and comments but I don't really know how to enter comments.

19:17:54 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : I second Gordon's response about using the flat land for the sports court

19:19:02 From Girard Kinney : How do I show the icon for hand raised? I am not seeing it along the row at the bottom.

19:19:24 From 1 - Katherine Giles, Facilitator : Feedback: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>. Contact for additional questions: [ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov](mailto:ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov). In-person meeting will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McBeth Recreation Center.

19:19:48 From James Byers : Click on Reactions along the bottom black bar and it indicates "Raise Hand"

19:20:38 From Girard Kinney : What is the status of CTRMA's & TxDot;s plans for reconfiguring Mopac; i.e. new columns, etc?

19:20:41 From Roy Waley : and if half the concern was shown for Roy G River Park many visitors would want to go there. People show up at Zilker for Barton Springs

19:21:54 From Girard Kinney : Parking Garages should be flat floor for future convertibility to other uses, and there needs to be a long range study about what those future uses might be.

19:23:22 From Girard Kinney : Also, ground level of all parking garages should lined with Pedestrian oriented uses. Is there any scoping being done for the garages?

19:23:26 From Gordon Kelley : Don't add more impervious cover for activities that aren't already in the park. Sports courts for basketball, tennis, pickleball etc all require flattening land, removing trees, and paving over areas; and all of those can easily be added to District Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Pocket Parks.

19:23:31 From 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator : Girard, I'm sorry you had trouble with raising your hand during the last Q&A. I'm making note of your comments. As James mentioned, you can raise your hand by clicking on the reactions icon.

19:24:37 From Girard Kinney : I see it now; thanks.

19:25:15 From Roy Waley : Zilker is a major opportunity for ecological uplift aka carbon sequestration.

19:26:08 From Daniela Brown : Barton springs is Austin's #1 most valuable resource and attraction, this city was placed near the springs for a reason, what kind of responsibility will be taken and by who if the value of this resource is degraded by this project ?

19:26:33 From Patricia Wilson : What are the main revenue producing projects proposed?

19:28:45 From Mark May : ACL is getting a great deal

19:30:48 From Brian Litke : I agree with Gordon's comment: Don't add more impervious cover for activities that aren't already in the park, like the sports courts, which can easily exist in other locations and parks throughout the city.

19:31:04 From Roy Waley : ACL is robbing the bank! Nothing against ACL I love it but they are not giving enough compared to what they get. And what we lose. The great Lawn is off limits during one of the best times of the year

19:31:07 From Gordon Kelley : Save money by keeping any sports area to those already existing in the park: volleyball courts and the baseball field; ditch the rest of them. And then put volleyball and baseball and the parking lot elsewhere; just north and northeast of the Sunshine Camp and into the Polo Field.

19:32:19 From Lee Wilpon : You say that you are closing Lou Neff road/. But are you going to let ACL use it? the Trail of Lights?

19:32:28 From David Weinberg : as was asked in a prior session, are there tentative garage parking fees envisioned?

19:32:44 From Lee Wilpon : How much is parking going to be?

19:34:07 From Daniela Brown : Clearly degradation of the park is not the plan, but what is the contingency plan if such a thing happens?

19:34:09 From Gordon Kelley : It would be great to have free parking, and would help with the Equity aspect as well.

19:34:28 From Daniela Brown : Is there one ?

19:37:28 From David Weinberg : differential parking fees? where does that exist?

19:38:00 From Judith Sims : Seton and St. Davids for seniors...

19:38:17 From Girard Kinney : I am hoping that the parking garages will be convertible to uses beyond the automobile and that this transition is considered in the long term financing of those structures. Also, the ground floors of those structures can provide needed uses and some revenue

19:40:07 From Roy Waley : How will renegade parking ie illegal parking be handled. Will a parks police be reinstated? APD is indicating they will throw a hissy fit and not patrol parks as well if they don't get the budget they want.

19:40:29 From Shannon Mullan : I agree with Gordon, 100%

19:40:40 From Daniela Brown : The mockup of the plan has a lot of concrete, it looks like many portions by the spring will be paved, how is that restoration ?

19:41:09 From D - Charlie McCabe (Finance/Implementation) : Thank you Gordon !

19:41:15 From Roy Waley : Shuttle modification from off site parking to allow equipment, strollers etc is needed

19:41:43 From Shannon Mullan : Thanks so much Gordon!

19:42:07 From Roy Waley : Great input Gordon!

19:43:25 From Daniela Brown : Great point Philip

19:44:48 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator(private) : Hi, do you know which sessions we have left?

19:45:20 From 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator To Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate)(private) : This is our last session. After this we'll all move back to the main room for a final Q&A and meeting wrap up.

19:47:47 From Roy Waley : do you consider cedar to invasive?

19:49:51 From Brian Litke : I like that disc golf allows Austin to retain the trees and flora of the park where the course is located (unlike the sports that use courts devoid of trees). I am worried that the new sports complex consumes a large amount of a historic disc golf course that has existed for over 30 years. Has a course designer been consulted to ensure that moving half of the disc golf to a more southern area of the park actually has the amount of space required to retain an 18-fairway disc golf

course? Austin is already short of disc golf courses to meet recreational demand (and the short Zilker course is popular with families), so it is important to me that the Zilker Disc Golf Course (which is very well used) remains available as an 18-fairway course in the new design.

19:49:56 From Roy Waley : are there Icr or tceq regs with which to comply?

19:51:08 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator(privately) : Thanks! Would you be able to capture these notes, please?

19:51:15 From Roy Waley : so no acl parking on the butler landfill?

19:51:36 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator(privately) : Phillip Smith's (512-903-6627; gps1115@gmail.com) Zilker Sand Volleyball Court and Other Plan Suggestions:

- 5 courts to match the current offering (which is already often maxed out on usage, if possible having 6+ courts would be ideal to serve a growing/expanding Austin population)
- Court Lighting (for after dark play)
- Water Source
  - o --Hose Connections (for watering sand on all courts during hot days)
  - o --Potable water
- Nearby restroom facilities
- Contractor and Subject Matter Expert engagement for:
  - o Sand type and depth
  - o Water Drainage system
  - o Equipment (poles, nets, etc)
  - o Optimal court building orientation (North-South facing) and size

19:51:52 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator(privately) : • Barriers/Fencing (to keep balls from rolling into the street)

- Close parking to accommodate 60+ volleyball players (5 courts of 6 vs 6 and spectators), sports court users, and staff carrying equipment
- Include parking spot counters so people know exactly how many spots are available (you can even have flexible rates based on the amount of spots available – with a maximum cap price. I.e. free for empty garage or \$5 for nearly full garage)
- Thoroughfares away from the courts (safety hazard with balls going into traffic)
- Consider the safety of people parking under the MOPAC bridge crossing a busy road into the park for sports court usage
- Moving the Sports Court area to the Polo field may be a better choice in order to take advantage of the naturally flat portion of land
- Consider moving ACL, Trail of Lights, and other events to a different area of the city to: alleviate congestion, make the park accessible to everyone, keep the park healthy

19:52:01 From Gordon Kelley : Please don't go overboard on "re-wilding" the park. Help the areas recover ecologically and keep them sustainable, but this is also a metropolitan park for use by all the city's citizens not a nature preserve.

19:52:14 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator(privately) : o  
I.e. I have stepped on nails and other materials left by ACL  
o The park is not open to the taxpaying public for several months each year  
o The city makes money but it impacts park equity and accessibility, why are they willing to make that trade?  
o Is the city considering moving these events?

19:52:32 From Roy Waley : re wilding should be the corner stone of this plan

19:54:40 From 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator To Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate)(privately) :  
Thanks! Captured those notes.

19:55:06 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) To 1 - Sarah O'Brien, Facilitator(privately) :  
Thank you!

19:59:58 From Gordon Kelley : Well said, Brian!

20:00:59 From 1 - Katherine Giles, Facilitator : As we close out our breakout sessions, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here:  
<https://www.publicinput.com/ZilkerVision> and you can share your comment or question in the main room. Thank you for participating in tonight's breakout session!

20:01:07 From 1 - Katherine Giles, Facilitator : Feedback: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>.  
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20:01:15 From Gordon Kelley : Keep impervious down by not adding activities that are NOT already in the park AND require tree removal and paving (like all the new sports courts).

Keep the ecological health by not flattening areas currently in use by disc golf course (the proposed parking lot and sports area); use the areas already flat - polo picnic tables and parking lot - and those with few or no trees like the western part of the Polo Field for volleyball and baseball.

20:04:18 From Mark May : Really like the ecological uplift. If we spent the parking garage money city wide instead, think about how many more acres you could positively impact. (and you would have alot more voters supporting the bond)

20:05:09 From Steven : Will volleyball courts be close to parking? When tournaments are held, canopies and coolers and sound systems are needed. Had to rent a pump once when it rained too.

20:05:35 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Feedback: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>.

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20:06:07 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Your feedback is important, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here: <https://www.publicinput.com/ZilkerVision> . Thank you for participating in tonight's breakout sessions!

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20:06:22 From David Weinberg : is there an opportunity for general comment and not a question?

20:06:25 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento : Interpretation is available. If you are on your computer, you'll see a globe icon at the bottom of your screen. If you are on your tablet or phone, click the 3 dots, MORE, language interpretation and select your preferred language. Don't forget to press DONE!

Este hay interpretación. Si están en sus computadoras, presionen el ícono del globo en la parte de abajo de su pantalla. Si están en sus teléfonos o tabletas, hagan clic en los tres puntitos, más o more, seleccionen interpretación de idiomas y su idioma preferido. ¡No olviden presionar listo!

Please, if you have any problem with the language, do not suffer in silence, let us know in the chat.

Por favor, si tienen problemas con el idioma, no sufran en silencio. Comuníqueno en el chat.

20:06:36 From Deana Dossey : thank you all so much for your work to include us in the vision planning

20:07:04 From Roy Waley : Ana could you share that info with me by email?

20:07:07 From Michael C : Agreed. Great work on a most challenging project.

20:07:14 From Chris Holcomb : this was all impressively well handled with the breakouts

20:08:39 From Karen Blizzard : Congratulations on all the tremendous work to create the Vision Plan draft.

20:08:47 From A - Ana Gonzalez : @Roy, please send me an email at ana.gonzalez@austintexas.gov with the specific question(s) you want our department to address and I'll be happy to compile a response in consultation with our policy review staff

20:08:55 From Gordon Kelley : Great comment David!

20:08:57 From Neil Jeffery : David, 'play grounds ot what NOT' how di you grow up playing?

20:09:27 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Who is leading the implementation of the sports courts?

20:09:36 From Sarah Faust : Also the hillside theater location removes space currently used as open field.

20:09:38 From Laure McLaughlin : Would like clarification on whether a Zilker-specific non profit exists or is being discussed?

20:09:53 From Roy Waley : you got it thanks

20:09:55 From John D : I share a lot of great memories near the ground parking along the south side of the springs pool and Lou Neff Rd. I work online from my vehicle, cook near my vehicle, enjoy various food trucks that visit these areas, enjoy being able to have my vehicle to bring in sports, musical, and recreation gear, cooking gear, power for other activities etc. Some people just enjoy driving to the parks to enjoy sunset from their vehicle, one man has mobility limitations... All that to say that replacing ground parking with garage parking will restrict people in many ways, and effect social activities. What are the chances and ways to save ground parking?

20:10:03 From Trina : Will answers to the questions that were not answered during the breakout sessions due to time constraints be provided via email or by another means or is the purpose of this time to cut and paste the questions again here? Thank you.

20:10:09 From David Weinberg : but there is no field in that sports area by mopac that I see

20:10:33 From Jessica Walbridge : Can someone please confirm which lawns will be removed? What is the status of the field b/t Azie Morton and the pool? Thank you.

20:10:56 From Mark May : The Azie Morton duplicate playground is added since ACL blocks access to the main playground. This makes no sense.

20:11:00 From Karen Blizzard : Who in the community advocated for the Sports Complex? I didn't see it when I reviewed the public input from last year. The exceptions would be creating space for the existing fields that are being relocated, and there should be focus on retaining the disc golf course best holes.

20:13:22 From Christy Muse : Understanding we are in a vision phase now, assuming this is close to what will move forward, is there a timeline or plan for when a more in-depth geologic study of the sensitive karst springs system will be performed? Specifically when it comes to risk associated with the disturbance of the underground parking. Thanks!

20:13:23 From PARD Justin Schneider : Phillip, regarding implementing sports courts, that has not been decided and would come at a later time if it is included in the final vision plan.

20:13:29 From Neil Jeffery : blue hole looks really good since the rework a few years back!

20:13:51 From Karen Blizzard : Yes .. great job with Blue Hole!

20:14:02 From Michael C : Nelson, check out pages 137-138 of the draft plan to see a conceptual drawing of the Barking Springs/Spillway. Looks like a flood-resistant design with some trees and nature landscaping, but that could probably be improved.

20:14:20 From Chris Holcomb : i appreciate the improvements, but it's worth noting that the monkey tree and barking springs area is a culturally diverse and culturally significant area with weekly sunday gatherings

20:14:24 From Jessica Walbridge : Hello,What about access for dogs to Barkin?

20:14:57 From Elizabeth McGreevy : The Siglo/DW excavation/fill strategy to "restore" the landfill is "high cost." Since it is considered to be "high benefit", then WHY hasn't a phytoremediation feasibility study for the landfill been conducted since phytoremediation would be low cost and a greener solution??

20:15:00 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Thanks Justin, who can we speak with to address our concerns with sports implementation?

20:15:14 From Jessica Walbridge : Or what about a proposal to move ACL to another site? Was that a part of the consideration?

20:15:23 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : i.e. how many courts, facility options etc @Justin

20:15:48 From Ed Scruggs : Are there plans to move the Rowing Dock to another location and if so, what is the motivation for that change?

20:15:55 From Anne Wheat : Where are the restrooms for the big field? And Barking Springs? And South side of the pool?

20:16:14 From Nelson Guda : There are many great examples of city-nonprofit partnerships in other cities.

20:16:31 From Nelson Guda : New York, Portland, SF...

20:16:38 From Nelson Guda : Zilker should have one

20:17:18 From Roy Waley : great to see so many engaged citizens, wish we had a broader input.

20:17:28 From Bill Bunch : please read Parks for Profit; Selling Nature in the City by Kevin Loughran; you might see things differently

20:18:14 From Gordon Kelley : Some of the maps are inaccurate. The 'current' map for the disc golf/sports area shows no disc golf south of the current park road. So when the proposed map shows a bunch of extra room for disc golf by "shifting" it into that area, that is not correct. Half of the existing course is already over there in between Sunshine Camp and the new maintenance barn.

20:18:15 From Nelson Guda : Thanks Bill

20:18:33 From Chaz Armijo : what studies have been done to determine level of use for the different activities at the park? how well they impact the decision making?

20:18:50 From Chaz Armijo : \*how will

20:19:09 From Chris Holcomb : Roy, speaking as a former young person, many don't realize they'll be around for so long. I see many young people at barkin springs, the great lawn, and driving in and parking to gain access near the park or at trailheads.

20:19:14 From Bill Bunch : you are welcome; yes of course they do good things but things go awry more often than not

20:19:22 From Neil Jeffery : APF dose great stuff, also note teens and 20s spend thier mony, and sales tax reveue being one of the main componates of city revenue are very really contributing to Austin parks!

20:19:26 From Jessica Walbridge : Something that has struck me throughout this presentation: This is being presented as a DRAFT in the Concept Phase and yet, the presenting team is using language like "we will, we have." And some of our policy questions have been referred to the implementation



phase, which feels really backwards. I really appreciate this session, but I am not clear on what is already baked and what is still up for discussion and that is a bit frustrating.

20:20:19 From Walt Neuschaefer : Does state law permit use of hotel occupancy tax to fund parks rather than sending all the tax revenue to convention center??

20:20:26 From Roy Waley : right you are Jessica

20:20:31 From Judith Sims : Check out the Barton Springs Conservancy website.

20:20:59 From Craig Nazor : ACL has not been mentioned in the plan or by any presenter until questions have been asked about. I get that ACL is controversial. Nevertheless, I think it HAS to be a part of this discussion if you want major trust/buy-in for this project. Also, a significant number of participants in these discussions have talked extensively about "rewilding." It appears that you have consider this in some of your planning, but the connection hasn't been made verbally. I'm not sure why that is.

20:21:07 From Daniela Brown : I think due to the value of Zilker its important that anyone making these kinds of changes put in writing what will be done if they mess up, and the value of the ecology ends up being degraded

20:21:59 From K brimble : This is a very well considered plan.

20:22:39 From Bill Bunch : not necessary to remove; just let the trees grow and if there are toxins they are better locked up within the biomass; no need to cut it down and haul it off

20:22:40 From PARD Justin Schneider : Thanks, Phillip. Number of courts, types of courts, options like that would be a part of that process with additional input from community members.

20:23:14 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : I agree Craig, continuing to conduct ACL here feels like the exact opposite of a goal to "rewild" the park. @Claire, I understand many people come to the park for events. However, many of these people are not tax paying residents.

20:23:48 From Bill Bunch : if the waste were a problem it would have already been abundantly clear; we don't need to dig up anything

20:23:51 From D - Charlie McCabe (Finance/Implementation) : In response to Walt's Q about use of Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) in parks, yes they are used for improvements subject to rules laid out by city council, usually historic structures.

20:23:53 From Gordon Kelley : The plan shows putting a parking lot and a big Sports Area on a large part of the existing disc golf course land. The Sports Area having Volleyball courts, sports courts, children's play area, and a baseball field.

The problems with this are:

- 1) You are taking an area with elevation change (area of holes 11 – 16) and putting sports courts, playground, parking lot, and baseball field there; things that need flat ground so they will have to flatten everything and remove lots of trees. 2) The maps are inaccurate; you can't shift part of the course to south of the existing park road because the course is already there (holes 1 – 9).
- 3) You are taking away a large number of the oldest and best holes out there.

20:24:01 From Gordon Kelley : So a good solution is for the plan to put ALL this stuff over where it is already completely flat: the Polo Picnic Area parking lot, picnic tables, space between there and the concrete bathrooms, and part of the Polo Field Lawn. Don't move the disc golf course to this area, put all these other things there.

And then leave the disc golf course where it is.

20:24:02 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Has a survey ever been conducted with the public on what residents want to do with these types of events in the park?

20:24:10 From Elizabeth McGreevy : Exactly, no reason to remove the trees.

20:24:34 From Elizabeth McGreevy : NO...not if you incorporate bacteria and fungi

20:25:17 From Patty Justice : Some of the maps are inaccurate. I understand this is a 'draft'; however part of the inaccuracy directly affects how the Disc Golf part looks. There wouldn't actually be any extra room like it shows on the map.

20:25:43 From Sarah Faust : I asked a question in my breakout if you all could elaborate on the role of Zilker Collective, they were listed on a slide as "collaborators" on par with boards and commissions. Who is this group, and how did they become a collaborator? I was told this question could not be answered in the breakout but would be answered in the open session.

20:25:51 From Jessica Walbridge : It feels like some of the point of this plan to is fix the ACL parking and playscape access problem.. If there was no ACL, there would be no ACL parking and access problems. And if it is only contributes \$1m in revenue that hardly seems worth the expense.

20:25:58 From K brimble : There are lots of taxpayers that enjoy going to ACL. Zilker should be a park for everyone.

20:26:06 From David Weinberg : moving them to where? there is no sports field in the sports complex design.

20:26:42 From Elizabeth McGreevy : This is just a vision plan. So we still have time to conduct a phytoremediation study. The time is now for greener strategies.

20:27:15 From Nelson Guda : I agree completely with this. Austin is getting shafted for ACL compared to what other cities get for festivals of similar size. Why do we have to give up our park for 10% of the year?

20:27:16 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : I enjoy ACL but not at the cost of not being able to access the park for months. I rather enjoy it somewhere different like Circuit of Americas

20:27:53 From Don Weckler : Does the city have an estimate of the number of users on the disc golf course?

The course was changed to add a maintenance shed, and the holes that replaced that space are very nice, thank you very much, but IMO existing park amenities should not be sacrificed to add new ones.

20:27:53 From Chris Holcomb : I really don't understand all the complaints about ACL. There are many amenities open year-round despite it.

20:27:58 From Craig Nazor : ACL is an exclusive use. few other events are an exclusive use. ACL can be moved to a more suitable area in Austin.

20:28:04 From Karen Blizzard : I asked a question earlier about who in the community is advocating for the Sports Complex?

20:28:05 From Neil Jeffery : we need playscapes for kids, look at how many kids play on a playscape per acher over a baseball field it good use

20:29:09 From Bill Bunch : the place for the new rowing dock is up on a bluff; makes zero sense

20:29:55 From David Weinberg : Neil, there are brand new playgrounds at butler shores, there are also playgrounds at zilker and barton hills elementary. I live by Zilker and I'm not aware of any clamoring for more playgrounds in the park.

20:30:04 From Mark May : Neil- Totally support playscapes, let's make ACL allow access to the existing one. You keep your playscape access, I keep my fields

20:30:12 From David Weinberg : Losing all of the sports fields for 1/4th of the year would be lousy.

20:30:34 From Roy Waley : Walter Long Park would be a great place for ACL but it will never happen since it doesn't have the back drop of the Austin Skyline. Marketing baby!

20:30:38 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Thank you for joining our breakout sessions, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here:

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20:31:43 From Reynaldo Hernandez : Thank you all

20:31:51 From Michael C : Thanks, y'all!!!!

20:32:32 From K brimble : Thanks for creating this forum for hearing community members' thoughts and concerns.

20:33:07 From Gordon Kelley : inaccurate maps: 145/146 "current" and 147/148 "proposed". also 125/126 and 127/128.

20:33:26 From Craig Nazor : This was a useful duscussion. Thanks to those who helped make it work.

20:33:52 From Christy Muse : Feeling grateful for the good work here and for our community's watchful eyes. Thank you.

20:34:41 From Michael C : The current uses are described in fair detail in the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment report, [https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning\\_and\\_Development/Zilker\\_Vision/ZVP\\_SANASANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning_and_Development/Zilker_Vision/ZVP_SANASANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf)

20:36:51 From Trina : Ms. Hempel answered a question regarding whether a proposal was made to move ACL to another site. My understanding of her response was that the public felt it was important to keep events at Zilker. However, I understand the response to have grouped Zilker activities together rather than isolating it to ACL. Can you clarify if the public was asked about moving only ACL to another location, and if so, where can the results be found? Thank you.

20:36:57 From Lara Foss : Some folks love ACL in Zilker

20:37:12 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Once again, we appreciate your valuable questions and feedback.

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20:37:15 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Please engage volleyball and other sport communities already using the park in the process, i.e. - Austin Sports and Social, Sportskind

20:37:38 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : None of the people I've spoken with from these organizations were familiar with this vision plan

20:38:16 From Steven : Zilker makes ACL special!

20:38:56 From Michael C : I certainly enjoy ACL at Zilker, as do my miserable children, friends, and family. It's a splendid experience for people to enjoy music in this SPECTACULAR outdoor setting.

20:39:08 From Chaz Armijo : thank you all

20:39:17 From Lara Foss : Great job Justin! Thank you!!!!

20:39:21 From Roy Waley : Phillip there is still time to organize folks to have their say. There's a lot of talk about the outreach but it seems sorely lacking to very specific groups of park users. Organize!

20:39:23 From Craig Nazor : ACL is an inequitable use of parkland. Many people cannot afford it.

20:39:24 From Jessica Walbridge : Thank you.

20:39:24 From Trina : Thank you.

20:39:29 From Gordon Kelley : Thanks Y'all.

20:42:34 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Thanks!

20:42:39 From Roy Waley : This is an insiders game. What about backing off and doing real outreach. Something as simple as going to the Park and engaging citizens like the sports court users

20:42:41 From Shannon Mullan : thanks so much everyone

20:42:51 From Don Weckler : Has anyone who has intended changes to the disc golf course ever tried the sport?

Disc golf is a great low-impact sport for everyone from 8 to 80 years old. Try it you will love it.

20:42:53 From Shannon Mullan : great question!

20:43:53 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Outreach could use improvement from everyday park users

20:44:02 From Shannon Mullan : thanks Karen 🙏

20:44:49 From Karen Blizzard : They have done a tremendous amount of outreach. Of course more can always be done.

20:44:55 From Shannon Mullan : how about lawn signs at the park? to let folks know

20:45:01 From Elizabeth McGreevy : It's because they only asked questions of people using the pool.

20:45:29 From Shannon Mullan : thanks so much for organizing! happy to be a part of it.

20:46:19 From Karen Blizzard : Thank you all for this tremendous work and facilitation!!!

20:46:50 From Chris Holcomb : really professional job folks, impressed. we all care about this. cheers, thanks

20:47:21 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Feedback: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>.

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20:47:31 From Trina : If responses are provided to the unanswered questions during this meeting, can you let us know where to find those?

## Breakout Room 2

18:27:04 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator : Please hold your questions until the end of each presentation or write them into the chat. At the end of the presentation, you will be able to ask questions verbally by using the raise hand feature. The planning team will answer as many questions as time allows. We'd like to hear from as many people as possible during the Q&A.

18:27:43 From robin rather : How was the number of parking spaces calculated? This doubles the number of legal parking spaces but it is not clear what data was used to calculate the need to double the spaces, even given all the new non-car options that are planned.

18:30:20 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator : Thank you for your question Robin, we will share this with the presenter during the Q&A. If anyone else have any questions at this time, feel free to drop them in the chat.

18:30:37 From Gabriel F. : Will the garage / new parking be free like the gravel parking was?

18:30:59 From Lara Foss : Your language of "we're adding" xyz, suggests those decisions have already been made, is that the case?

18:31:22 From Sarah Faust : Can you show locations of proposed parking garages?

18:31:59 From Jessica Walbridge : What surface lost would be demolished? What is a shared use parking option? Where would garages be built? And when?

18:32:00 From Ben Thompson : Do you have real world examples of parking garages that have been repurposed for other non-parking uses? The engineering and design of the typical parking garage seems incompatible with this type of change

18:32:25 From Deana Dossey : more details on Stratford drive changes next to zilker garden?

18:32:44 From Lara Foss : Is there a plan for a traffic circle on Stratford near the Austin Nature and Science Center service road?

18:33:18 From Gabriel F. : Is the parallel street parking along barton springs in the picture planned to act as the protection for the bike lane or is there some other protective measure for the bike lanes?

18:33:20 From Lara Foss : Any traffic cooling planned for Stratford?

18:33:26 From Chris Riley : There's no such thing as free parking. It's just a question of who's paying for it.

18:33:39 From Deana Dossey : agree having to pay for parking impacts accessibility/equity for sure. would like mostly free parking if possible

18:34:18 From Chris Riley : Public subsidies for private car storage are a bad idea.

18:34:51 From Felicity Maxwell : Thank you Chris. Would love to see PARD focus on other means of access to the park esp. transit and non -car traffic.

18:35:27 From robin rather : All of these are NOT coming together.. it is very fractured.

18:36:13 From Deana Dossey : agree some type of land bridge or any pedestrian bridge an improvement

18:36:52 From Lara Foss : Process question: Curious why raised hands are superseding chat questions?

18:37:48 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator : Hi Lara! We want to hear from as many people as possible in that time that we have. Allowing for those who want to unmute and speak plus sharing questions from the chat.

18:37:57 From Sarah Faust : Will there be a report on what feedback and comments are received and how they are incorporated into the draft before the final?

18:38:20 From Iain Tester : thinking about the transit option to the park and the goal of equity: how does the propos

18:39:35 From Iain Tester : thinking about the transit option to the park and the goal of equity: how does the proposed transit option(s) align the park users and where they typically start their journey

18:39:48 From robin rather : What is cost of these parking structures ???

18:41:10 From Lara Foss : Stratford Lane: is there a traffic circle planned? Other traffic cool strategies for Stratford?

18:41:24 From robin rather : We have estimated \$25 M per garage. Is that a rough order of magnitude? Looking for just a rough level of investment.

18:43:58 From Anne Wheat : More room for garage on the other side of mopac. On Stratford

18:44:28 From 2 - Arin Gray : @Sarah - the will be a community engagement report that shares our comments received.

18:46:04 From Jessica Walbridge : agreed.

18:46:26 From Anne Wheat : What about the handicapped swimmers who are over 80. Where will they park?

18:48:02 From Jessica Walbridge : And to not lose the free parking we already have.

18:48:07 From Christy Muse : are you planning on eliminating the street parking spaces that currently exist at the springs/pool?

18:49:24 From Lara Foss : Stratford???

18:49:50 From Lara Foss : is there a traffic circle planned? Other traffic cool strategies for Stratford?

18:49:55 From robin rather : GREAT question lain!

18:50:21 From Anne Wheat : That parking sounds difficult for the older swimmers that swim every day

18:50:54 From Ben Thompson : Is it the city's position that an underground garage with a grass roof is not impervious cover? Does the fact that an concrete garage might be buried with some plants on top mitigate the environmental concerns associated with a new structure, or is this only to address the aesthetic complaints?

18:51:33 From Lara Foss : Traffic Circle

18:51:42 From Gabriel F. : Curious to hear a response to Ben

18:51:47 From Gabriel F. : Ben's question\*

18:51:57 From Abbi Morales : Me too

18:52:26 From Jessica Walbridge : It would be helpful to have shared the defined parking needs: what months, days, times and for whom so we can then see if/how the proposed changes line up to that—or are possibly over or under engineered.thank you.

18:52:45 From robin rather : Overall, just want to say the transit options and this section of the plan is very inspiring. The parking garages are a whole other story. But the transit is really much appreciated!!

18:53:19 From Anne Wheat : During this slower time of year will swimmers be able to park by the pool?

18:53:32 From Ben Thompson : Agree with Robin. The first part of that last presentation was wonderful, the garage part not so much

18:53:39 From Chris Holcomb : really exciting project everyone, thank you

18:54:00 From Chris Riley : I agree with Robin too

18:55:58 From robin rather : Hi Charlie, can you provide a break down of visits by “event” including ACL, T of L etc as well as revenue to those commercial events from those visits? thx!!

18:58:54 From Lara Foss : Please note the Austin Nature and Science Center and the Splash exhibit are NOT external organizations, they are part of the City of Austin and 100% run by City staff.

18:59:21 From Lara Foss : The Botanical Gardens are mostly run by a conservancy

18:59:59 From robin rather : If you know the relative cost can you please provide rough estimates in dollars? Thx.

19:01:09 From Gabriel F. : Really hope the land bridge and bike bridge make it to the final plan

19:02:16 From Ben Thompson : Your last chart shows the welcome center/plaza as higher cost and lower benefit. Why is this on the mid term list? Glad to see these items as lower benefit on your chart, but I’d put their benefit near zero.

19:03:07 From Chris Holcomb : agree gabriel, i also hope the land bridge and bike bridge can be prioritized on the timeline. those aspect have tremendous impact

19:04:47 From robin rather : Charlie, it is not helping to over emphasize these groups who are largely driven by corporate donors or for profit groups. These are not the only groups that matter and it is truly regrettable the oversized influence they have, especially ACL. This plan is biased by those “partnerships” at the expense of everyday citizens who just come to the park for nature and recreation, not for commercialized purposes. Hope you understand, love those groups but they are not the center of gravity or shouldn’t be.

19:06:41 From Deana Dossey : like discussion of removing invasive plants and re-wilding efforts of some areas/enhancing plants and native plants

19:07:01 From Sarah Faust : Can you explain how the relative benefits were valued? Whose input was used?

19:07:08 From robin rather : Where is the line item by line item rough cost estimate and overall target budget for this plan?

19:10:00 From Anne Wheat : What are the hours of the garage and trams? Will this be working for early morning lap swimmers?

19:10:11 From Lara Foss : Roughly \$20,000 from the Friends of Group out of \$2.5 M budget.

19:13:08 From Kate Aouelle : I did want to note that the relocation of Rowing Dock will greatly exceed \$1mm.

19:16:21 From Jessica Walbridge : Its hard to believe that ACL is not brining in more...for all of the hard impact on the park...



19:16:51 From robin rather : Thanks Charlie McCabe. Y'all need to provide line by line cost estimates and a total amount for the full plan package please. Not sure why that is missing... ?

19:19:21 From Ben Thompson : Agree with Robin. It's hard to form an opinion on many of these projects without at least a ballpark price tag.

19:19:37 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator : Again thank you all for being here tonight and for your patience as we move from presenter to presenter. We will have 25 mins and will have a short Q&A afterward.

19:21:22 From robin rather To 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator(privately) : You are doing a great job Jamal. This format is really good. Thank you for deciding to do break out groups like this. Its working really well. Appreciate the "vibe" you are bringing to the discussion.

19:21:42 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator : Also, if you have to drop off before we get to the main room, feel free to provide input at this link: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>. Or contact for additional questions: [ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov](mailto:ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov).

19:22:05 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator To robin rather(privately) : Thank you Robin, I appreciate that!

19:22:15 From Sarah Faust To 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator(privately) : Hi Jamal, I don't know if you all are aware that this meeting conflicts with the neighborhood nights at Trail of Lights. So neighbors in Barton Hills and Zilker have the opportunity to go to Trail of Lights tonight. These are some of the neighborhoods most impacted by changes in Zilker Park. Hopefully you can make the recording available to the neighborhood associations to put on their email lists as likely many families missed this meeting to take advantage of the Trail of Lights neighbor night. Its only offered one night each year. Thanks, Sarah

19:24:51 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator To Sarah Faust(privately) : Thank you Sarah, I have taken this down. We will have the recording available on the website at [Austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision](http://Austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision). If there are issues, you can contact that email I provided at [ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov](mailto:ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov). Feel free to share that with anyone in your neighborhood who would be interested in hearing about the plan and providing feedback.

19:25:13 From Jessica Walbridge : The Barton creek restoration is very exciting. And agree on urgency.

19:25:33 From Ben Thompson : Please address the long term expectations in terms of continued maintenance. Is the goal here a functional ecosystem requiring minimal human maintenance, or a landscaped area that will continue to require mowing, water, fuel, etc.? Particularly in the riparian areas

19:25:40 From Anne Wheat To 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator(privately) : Any consideration for daily lap swimmers? Too many people kick up the bottom and this effects the water quality in the pool.

19:26:23 From Anne Wheat : Any consideration for daily lap swimmers? Too many people kick up the bottom and this effects the water quality in the pool.

19:27:24 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator To Anne Wheat(privately) : Thank you for your question Anne, I will share your question with the project team.

19:28:28 From robin rather : Glad to see you finally addressing climate Jonathan!!! Thank you so much for that. Would love to see more specific detail on alignment with the climate/ equity plan and would like to see if you might be willing to move more toward rewilding instead of sticking with your initial plan without incorporating the extensive community feedback provided... appreciate you.

19:28:50 From Gabriel F. : Hey Jonathan would love to hear your response on Ben's earlier question "Is it the city's position that an underground garage with a grass roof is not impervious cover? Does the fact that a concrete garage might be buried with some plants on top mitigate the environmental concerns associated with a new structure, or is this only to address the aesthetic complaints?"

19:31:47 From Jessica Walbridge : Also, wondering where Save or Springs has been engaged or their position on how this plan intersects with their research/advocacy? Thank you.

19:33:28 From Deana Dossey : like plans for enhancing plants and Creekside and how park visitors will see a way to enhance nature on own property and parks can work with nature enhancements with having limited access to things like water shore and all the shore does not have to be accessed to enjoy it, and let plants and wildlife have some of the creek shore/pond shore/lake shore. mix of "wild" and structure good for all.

19:34:35 From Anne Wheat : Will they have parking by the pool in the early morning for lap swimmers?

19:34:44 From robin rather : There is a need for greater communication between local environmental groups and this plan. There has been very little collaboration in the past year. There are some real opportunities to strengthen the plan and to work together moving forward.

19:37:17 From Jessica Walbridge : Great point on water quantity considerations.

19:39:59 From Gayle Goff : The landfill is a no-brainer. Should have been dealt with years ago.

19:40:13 From robin rather : This point about the landfill is one place where SOS and other local enviros are not in alignment. McGreevy calling for photo remediation here.

19:40:48 From Jessica Walbridge : Agree. Like who has created the standards and what are they?

19:40:57 From robin rather : Thanks Jonathan. Good presentation.

19:44:23 From robin rather : In your opinion did the community engagement meet the minimum demographic representation that would be needed? Most respondents were white and older. People of color and younger residents vastly left out.

19:48:35 From Sarah Faust : Please elaborate further on the comment slide describing the role that Zilker Park Collective had in providing input beyond what was offered to the general community.

19:49:57 From robin rather : That is a good question Sarah. This plan has a real bias towards that group at the expense of grassroots neighborhood groups and environmental groups across the city. Truly problematic.

19:50:57 From robin rather : Can you elaborate on the exact steps you have taken to rectify the equity imbalances that were pointed out in the spring.

19:53:29 From robin rather : Note: “The Collective” group is listed on 2 different slides. This is an issue that is evident throughout the plan. Many think this plan is specifically set up — especially the expensive new parking garages - to their specifications. Between equity gaps and bias to that one group ( and ACL specifically) the creditably of the plan is on the line. Thanks for listening.

19:53:49 From Sarah Faust : How can the community understand what feedback is coming from pop ups and small groups? Will there be a report that describes the feedback taken and how it is incorporated into the draft?

19:54:02 From Jessica Walbridge : May I pose a question to prior presentation/main room/ For people who take their dogs to Barkin Springs from Azie Morton side, and if parking is removed? How will canine park users access? Will dogs be allowed on the shuttles? Thank you.

19:54:16 From Gabriel F. : +1 to Sarah

19:54:33 From robin rather : Agree w/ Sarah also.

19:55:30 From 2 -Jamal Nelson, Facilitator : If you have to drop off before we get to the main room, feel free to provide input at this link: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>. Or contact for additional questions: [ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov](mailto:ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov).

19:58:05 From Anne Wheat : Is the tram / shuttle going to be working in the early morning hours for the lap swimmers? Or will parking be available by the pool for ADA and elderly swimmers?

19:58:17 From robin rather : Jamal, good comment about the history.... the celebration of the desegregation event this past summer was really powerful. Thank you all for doing that.

20:00:17 From Iain Tester : agree with comment Jamal made regarding the history of the park.

20:00:28 From Nelson Guda : Question for the end session: I’m curious what they envision for the spillway. The spillway has become a place of unregulated parties over the past year or two. It would be nice to see some focus on that.

20:01:51 From robin rather : Could you please post Sonny’s powerpoint as it was shown tonight on the website?

20:04:25 From Lara Foss : Big thanks to Jessica Gilzow from the Austin Nature and Science Center for putting together the Joan Means Khabele Event at Barton Springs!!

20:05:09 From Steven : Will volleyball courts be close to parking? When tournaments are held, canopies and coolers and sound systems are needed. Had to rent a pump once when it rained too.

20:05:35 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Feedback: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>.

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20:06:07 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Your feedback is important, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here: <https://www.publicinput.com/ZilkerVision> . Thank you for participating in tonight’s breakout sessions!

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20:06:22 From David Weinberg : is there an opportunity for general comment and not a question?

20:06:25 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento : Interpretation is available. If you are on your computer, you'll see a globe icon at the bottom of your screen. If you are on your tablet or phone, click the 3 dots, MORE, language interpretation and select your preferred language. Don't forget to press DONE!

Este hay interpretación. Si están en sus computadoras, presionen el ícono del globo en la parte de abajo de su pantalla. Si están en sus teléfonos o tabletas, hagan clic en los tres puntitos, más o more, seleccionen interpretación de idiomas y su idioma preferido. ¡No olviden presionar listo!

Please, if you have any problem with the language, do not suffer in silence, let us know in the chat.

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20:06:36 From Deana Dossey : thank you all so much for your work to include us in the vision planning

20:07:04 From Roy Waley : Ana could you share that info with me by email?

20:07:07 From Michael C : Agreed. Great work on a most challenging project.

20:07:14 From Chris Holcomb : this was all impressively well handled with the breakouts

20:08:39 From Karen Blizzard : Congratulations on all the tremendous work to create the Vision Plan draft.

20:08:47 From A - Ana Gonzalez : @Roy, please send me an email at ana.gonzalez@austintexas.gov with the specific question(s) you want our department to address and I'll be happy to compile a response in consultation with our policy review staff

20:08:55 From Gordon Kelley : Great comment David!

20:08:57 From Neil Jeffery : David, 'play grounds ot what NOT' how di you grow up playing?

20:09:27 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Who is leading the implementation of the sports courts?

20:09:36 From Sarah Faust : Also the hillside theater location removes space currently used as open field.

20:09:38 From Laure McLaughlin : Would like clarification on whether a Zilker-specific non profit exists or is being discussed?

20:09:53 From Roy Waley : you got it thanks

20:09:55 From John D : I share a lot of great memories near the ground parking along the south side of the springs pool and Lou Neff Rd. I work online from my vehicle, cook near my vehicle, enjoy various food trucks that visit these areas, enjoy being able to have my vehicle to bring in sports, musical, and recreation gear, cooking gear, power for other activities etc. Some people just enjoy driving to the parks to enjoy sunset from their vehicle, one man has mobility limitations... All that to say that replacing ground parking with garage parking will restrict people in many ways, and effect social activities. What are the chances and ways to save ground parking?

20:10:03 From Trina : Will answers to the questions that were not answered during the breakout sessions due to time constraints be provided via email or by another means or is the purpose of this time to cut and paste the questions again here? Thank you.

20:10:09 From David Weinberg : but there is no field in that sports area by mopac that I see

20:10:33 From Jessica Walbridge : Can someone please confirm which lawns will be removed? What is the status of the field b/t Azie Morton and the pool? Thank you.

20:10:56 From Mark May : The Azie Morton duplicate playground is added since ACL blocks access to the main playground. This makes no sense.

20:11:00 From Karen Blizzard : Who in the community advocated for the Sports Complex? I didn't see it when I reviewed the public input from last year. The exceptions would be creating space for the existing fields that are being relocated, and there should be focus on retaining the disc golf course best holes.

20:13:22 From Christy Muse : Understanding we are in a vision phase now, assuming this is close to what will move forward, is there a timeline or plan for when a more in-depth geologic study of the sensitive karst springs system will be performed? Specifically when it comes to risk associated with the disturbance of the underground parking. Thanks!

20:13:23 From PARD Justin Schneider : Phillip, regarding implementing sports courts, that has not been decided and would come at a later time if it is included in the final vision plan.

20:13:29 From Neil Jeffery : blue hole looks really good since the rework a few years back!

20:13:51 From Karen Blizzard : Yes .. great job with Blue Hole!

20:14:02 From Michael C : Nelson, check out pages 137-138 of the draft plan to see a conceptual drawing of the Barking Springs/Spillway. Looks like a flood-resistant design with some trees and nature landscaping, but that could probably be improved.

20:14:20 From Chris Holcomb : i appreciate the improvements, but it's worth noting that the monkey tree and barking springs area is a culturally diverse and culturally significant area with weekly sunday gatherings

20:14:24 From Jessica Walbridge : Hello,What about access for dogs to Barkin?

20:14:57 From Elizabeth McGreevy : The Siglo/DW excavation/fill strategy to "restore" the landfill is "high cost." Since it is considered to be "high benefit", then WHY hasn't a phytoremediation feasibility study for the landfill been conducted since phytoremediation would be low cost and a greener solution??

20:15:00 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Thanks Justin, who can we speak with to address our concerns with sports implementation?

20:15:13 From Jessica Walbridge : Or what about a proposal to move ACL to another site? Was that a part of the consideration?

20:15:23 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : i.e. how many courts, facility options etc @Justin

20:15:48 From Ed Scruggs : Are there plans to move the Rowing Dock to another location and if so, what is the motivation for that change?

20:15:55 From Anne Wheat : Where are the restrooms for the big field? And Barking Springs? And South side of the pool?

20:16:14 From Nelson Guda : There are many great examples of city-nonprofit partnerships in other cities.

20:16:31 From Nelson Guda : New York, Portland, SF...

20:16:38 From Nelson Guda : Zilker should have one

20:17:18 From Roy Waley : great to see so many engaged citizens, wish we had a broader input.

20:17:28 From Bill Bunch : please read Parks for Profit; Selling Nature in the City by Kevin Loughran; you might see things differently

20:18:14 From Gordon Kelley : Some of the maps are inaccurate. The 'current' map for the disc golf/sports area shows no disc golf south of the current park road. So when the proposed map shows a bunch of extra room for disc golf by "shifting" it into that area, that is not correct. Half of the existing course is already over there in between Sunshine Camp and the new maintenance barn.

20:18:15 From Nelson Guda : Thanks Bill

20:18:33 From Chaz Armijo : what studies have been done to determine level of use for the different activities at the park? how well they impact the decision making?

20:18:50 From Chaz Armijo : \*how will

20:19:09 From Chris Holcomb : Roy, speaking as a former young person, many don't realize they'll be around for so long. I see many young people at barkin springs, the great lawn, and driving in and parking to gain access near the park or at trailheads.

20:19:14 From Bill Bunch : you are welcome; yes of course they do good things but things go awry more often than not

20:19:22 From Neil Jeffery : APF dose great stuff, also note teens and 20s spend thier mony, and sales tax reveue being one of the main componates of city revenue are very really contributing to Austin parks!

20:19:26 From Jessica Walbridge : Something that has struck me throughout this presentation: This is being presented as a DRAFT in the Concept Phase and yet, the presenting team is using language like "we will, we have." And some of our policy questions have been referred to the implementation

phase, which feels really backwards. I really appreciate this session, but I am not clear on what is already baked and what is still up for discussion and that is a bit frustrating.

20:20:19 From Walt Neuschaefer : Does state law permit use of hotel occupancy tax to fund parks rather than sending all the tax revenue to convention center??

20:20:26 From Roy Waley : right you are Jessica

20:20:31 From Judith Sims : Check out the Barton Springs Conservancy website.

20:20:59 From Craig Nazor : ACL has not been mentioned in the plan or by any presenter until questions have been asked about. I get that ACL is controversial. Nevertheless, I think it HAS to be a part of this discussion if you want major trust/buy-in for this project. Also, a significant number of participants in these discussions have talked extensively about "rewilding." It appears that you have consider this in some of your planning, but the connection hasn't been made verbally. I'm not sure why that is.

20:21:07 From Daniela Brown : I think due to the value of Zilker its important that anyone making these kinds of changes put in writing what will be done if they mess up, and the value of the ecology ends up being degraded

20:21:59 From K brimble : This is a very well considered plan.

20:22:39 From Bill Bunch : not necessary to remove; just let the trees grow and if there are toxins they are better locked up within the biomass; no need to cut it down and haul it off

20:22:40 From PARD Justin Schneider : Thanks, Phillip. Number of courts, types of courts, options like that would be a part of that process with additional input from community members.

20:23:14 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : I agree Craig, continuing to conduct ACL here feels like the exact opposite of a goal to "rewild" the park. @Claire, I understand many people come to the park for events. However, many of these people are not tax paying residents.

20:23:48 From Bill Bunch : if the waste were a problem it would have already been abundantly clear; we don't need to dig up anything

20:23:51 From D - Charlie McCabe (Finance/Implementation) : In response to Walt's Q about use of Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) in parks, yes they are used for improvements subject to rules laid out by city council, usually historic structures.

20:23:53 From Gordon Kelley : The plan shows putting a parking lot and a big Sports Area on a large part of the existing disc golf course land. The Sports Area having Volleyball courts, sports courts, children's play area, and a baseball field.

The problems with this are:

- 1) You are taking an area with elevation change (area of holes 11 – 16) and putting sports courts, playground, parking lot, and baseball field there; things that need flat ground so they will have to flatten everything and remove lots of trees. 2) The maps are inaccurate; you can't shift part of the course to south of the existing park road because the course is already there (holes 1 – 9).
- 3) You are taking away a large number of the oldest and best holes out there.

20:24:01 From Gordon Kelley : So a good solution is for the plan to put ALL this stuff over where it is already completely flat: the Polo Picnic Area parking lot, picnic tables, space between there and the concrete bathrooms, and part of the Polo Field Lawn. Don't move the disc golf course to this area, put all these other things there.

And then leave the disc golf course where it is.

20:24:02 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Has a survey ever been conducted with the public on what residents want to do with these types of events in the park?

20:24:10 From Elizabeth McGreevy : Exactly, no reason to remove the trees.

20:24:34 From Elizabeth McGreevy : NO...not if you incorporate bacteria and fungi

20:25:17 From Patty Justice : Some of the maps are inaccurate. I understand this is a 'draft'; however part of the inaccuracy directly affects how the Disc Golf part looks. There wouldn't actually be any extra room like it shows on the map.

20:25:43 From Sarah Faust : I asked a question in my breakout if you all could elaborate on the role of Zilker Collective, they were listed on a slide as "collaborators" on par with boards and commissions. Who is this group, and how did they become a collaborator? I was told this question could not be answered in the breakout but would be answered in the open session.

20:25:51 From Jessica Walbridge : It feels like some of the point of this plan to is fix the ACL parking and playscape access problem.. If there was no ACL, there would be no ACL parking and access problems. And if it is only contributes \$1m in revenue that hardly seems worth the expense.

20:25:58 From K brimble : There are lots of taxpayers that enjoy going to ACL. Zilker should be a park for everyone.

20:26:06 From David Weinberg : moving them to where? there is no sports field in the sports complex design.

20:26:42 From Elizabeth McGreevy : This is just a vision plan. So we still have time to conduct a phytoremediation study. The time is now for greener strategies.

20:27:15 From Nelson Guda : I agree completely with this. Austin is getting shafted for ACL compared to what other cities get for festivals of similar size. Why do we have to give up our park for 10% of the year?

20:27:16 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : I enjoy ACL but not at the cost of not being able to access the park for months. I rather enjoy it somewhere different like Circuit of Americas

20:27:53 From Don Weckler : Does the city have an estimate of the number of users on the disc golf course?

The course was changed to add a maintenance shed, and the holes that replaced that space are very nice, thank you very much, but IMO existing park amenities should not be sacrificed to add new ones.

20:27:53 From Chris Holcomb : I really don't understand all the complaints about ACL. There are many amenities open year-round despite it.



20:27:58 From Craig Nazor : ACL is an exclusive use. few other events are an exclusive use. ACL can be moved to a more suitable area in Austin.

20:28:03 From Karen Blizzard : I asked a question earlier about who in the community is advocating for the Sports Complex?

20:28:05 From Neil Jeffery : we need playscapes for kids, look at how many kids play on a playscape per acher over a baseball field it good use

20:29:09 From Bill Bunch : the place for the new rowing dock is up on a bluff; makes zero sense

20:29:55 From David Weinberg : Neil, there are brand new playgrounds at butler shores, there are also playgrounds at zilker and barton hills elementary. I live by Zilker and I'm not aware of any clamoring for more playgrounds in the park.

20:30:04 From Mark May : Neil- Totally support playscapes, let's make ACL allow access to the existing one. You keep your playscape access, I keep my fields

20:30:12 From David Weinberg : Losing all of the sports fields for 1/4th of the year would be lousy.

20:30:34 From Roy Waley : Walter Long Park would be a great place for ACL but it will never happen since it doesn't have the back drop of the Austin Skyline. Marketing baby!

20:30:38 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Thank you for joining our breakout sessions, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here:

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20:31:43 From Reynaldo Hernandez : Thank you all

20:31:51 From Michael C : Thanks, y'all!!!!

20:32:32 From K brimble : Thanks for creating this forum for hearing community members' thoughts and concerns.

20:33:07 From Gordon Kelley : inaccurate maps: 145/146 "current" and 147/148 "proposed". also 125/126 and 127/128.

20:33:26 From Craig Nazor : This was a useful duscussion. Thanks to those who helped make it work.

20:33:52 From Christy Muse : Feeling grateful for the good work here and for our community's watchful eyes. Thank you.

20:34:41 From Michael C : The current uses are described in fair detail in the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment report, [https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning\\_and\\_Development/Zilker\\_Vision/ZVP\\_SANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning_and_Development/Zilker_Vision/ZVP_SANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf)

20:36:51 From Trina : Ms. Hempel answered a question regarding whether a proposal was made to move ACL to another site. My understanding of her response was that the public felt it was important to keep events at Zilker. However, I understand the response to have grouped Zilker activities together rather than isolating it to ACL. Can you clarify if the public was asked about moving only ACL to another location, and if so, where can the results be found? Thank you.

20:36:57 From Lara Foss : Some folks love ACL in Zilker

20:37:12 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Once again, we appreciate your valuable questions and feedback.

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20:37:15 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Please engage volleyball and other sport communities already using the park in the process, i.e. - Austin Sports and Social, Sportskind

20:37:38 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : None of the people I've spoken with from these organizations were familiar with this vision plan

20:38:16 From Steven : Zilker makes ACL special!

20:38:56 From Michael C : I certainly enjoy ACL at Zilker, as do my miserable children, friends, and family. It's a splendid experience for people to enjoy music in this SPECTACULAR outdoor setting.

20:39:08 From Chaz Armijo : thank you all

20:39:17 From Lara Foss : Great job Justin! Thank you!!!!

20:39:21 From Roy Waley : Phillip there is still time to organize folks to have their say. There's a lot of talk about the outreach but it seems sorely lacking to very specific groups of park users. Organize!

20:39:23 From Craig Nazor : ACL is an inequitable use of parkland. Many people cannot afford it.

20:39:24 From Jessica Walbridge : Thank you.

20:39:24 From Trina : Thank you.

20:39:29 From Gordon Kelley : Thanks Y'all.

20:42:34 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Thanks!

20:42:39 From Roy Waley : This is an insiders game. What about backing off and doing real outreach. Something as simple as going to the Park and engaging citizens like the sports court users

20:42:41 From Shannon Mullan : thanks so much everyone

20:42:51 From Don Weckler : Has anyone who has intended changes to the disc golf course ever tried the sport?

Disc golf is a great low-impact sport for everyone from 8 to 80 years old. Try it you will love it.

20:42:53 From Shannon Mullan : great question!

20:43:54 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Outreach could use improvement from everyday park users

20:44:02 From Shannon Mullan : thanks Karen 🙏

20:44:50 From Karen Blizzard : They have done a tremendous amount of outreach. Of course more can always be done.

20:44:55 From Shannon Mullan : how about lawn signs at the park? to let folks know

20:45:01 From Elizabeth McGreevy : It's because they only asked questions of people using the pool.

20:45:29 From Shannon Mullan : thanks so much for organizing! happy to be a part of it.

20:46:19 From Karen Blizzard : Thank you all for this tremendous work and facilitation!!!

20:46:50 From Chris Holcomb : really professional job folks, impressed. we all care about this. cheers, thanks

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20:47:31 From Trina : If responses are provided to the unanswered questions during this meeting, can you let us know where to find those?

### Breakout Room 3

18:25:10 From Reynaldo Hernandez : Now Charlie McCabe can be heard

18:35:09 From jackie giu : Zilker already gets hundreds of millions of dollars a year. I want to know what are actual ISSUES, first of all. accesibility and diversity is already done on a constant basis. how about first making sure that this is something that even wants change, and isn't just certain people's agendas. there should be no cost to austinites for things that already receive millions. I know as having worked and partner with Zilker for over 10 years. most of this work will also shut down huge portions of the parks for several time periods, especially if broken up between big events that happen in zilker already. it will cause IMMENSE congestion worse than already exists, and cause worse runoff and pollution to ladybird than already have occurred. i think many of the initiatives of this shouldn't even be moved forward with considering how good zilker already is. if it is things like maintainence, that has already been funded, or should have been, all these previous years. invasive species, sure.

18:36:01 From Janice Lowry : Are you working with SOS and Sierra Club?

18:37:38 From Janice Lowry : We have heard rumors of privatization with Live Nation/Ticketmaster taking over the park instead of the city? Is there truth to this?

18:38:30 From David Castro : We have heard rumors of privatization with Live Nation/Ticketmaster taking over the park instead of the city? Is there truth to this? THIS IS MY QUESTION PLUS!!!

18:40:48 From Bill Bunch : what about the millions and millions that go from acl to acf that should go to the city???????????

18:42:36 From Shannon Mullan : Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Has the city considered making the disc golf aspect of the park a pay-to-play course?

18:42:53 From Shannon Mullan : perhaps with a pro shop?

18:45:09 From Shannon Mullan : Austin also happens to be the 2nd most popular city for disc golf drawing national events and millions of dollar to the city. Disc golf is a HUGE driver of tourism and infuses money into the city.

18:45:15 From Bill Bunch : LiveNation/Ticketmaster owns most of ACL now, so they already have enormous control over the park 4 to 5 months per year; now proposing new hillside theatre away from barton springs that would be year around venue

18:46:09 From Gail Rothe : I can barely hear Megan.

18:46:31 From 3 - Megan Eckard, Facilitator : Noted, Gail. Thanks.

18:47:26 From Ralph Webster : this is a great plan

18:47:35 From Ed Scruggs : I noticed the Nature and Sciences Center ranked as the largest annual expense within the park. How does the Sciences Center rank in terms popularity or number of visits per year - compared to other attractions within the park?

18:47:58 From Trina : 1. You mentioned Zilker received 6 million visits per year. How many of those visitors are attributable to: 1) ACL; 2) Trail of Lights; and 3) average daily visitors?  
 2. The presentation included the cost to operate the park and generated revenue. How much of the identified costs to operate the park, if any, are due to 1) ACL (e.g., prepping, during, restoration); 2) Trail of Lights (e.g., prepping, during, restoration); and 3) regular daily operations?  
 3. Does the plan allow vendors selling an kind goods or services that are not those that have been permitted in the past, such as ACL, Trail of Lights, Blues on the Green?

18:48:08 From Ralph Webster : So many people don't know what they are talking about

18:48:29 From Trina : I apologize if this repeats questions that have been asked. Thank you.

18:48:32 From Steve Prather : Might be helpful to hear how much ACL/Ticketmaster contributes to PARD.

18:49:29 From Laure McLaughlin : What about intermittent fundraisers and/or clean up days at the park?

18:49:49 From Ralph Webster : A public private partnership is key to the success of Zilker

18:50:12 From 3 - Natalia Riusech, Facilitator : As we close out our breakout sessions, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here: <https://www.publicinput.com/ZilkerVision> and you can share your comment or question in the main room. Thank you for participating in tonight's breakout session!

18:50:21 From David Castro : i agree with steve

18:50:34 From Bill Bunch : Please read Kevin Loughran's book Parks for Profit: Selling Nature in the City. It tells exactly what is happening here and in other cities. The private/for profit grab of public park land with nonprofit "conservancies" running interference.

18:50:46 From Shannon Mullan : Agreed! Waterloo Disc Golf Club has been working hand in hand with the city to raise funds, have work dsys, and keep up the course at zilker

18:50:57 From Shannon Mullan : funds\*

18:51:59 From Shannon Mullan : OKay, thanks Krt

18:52:48 From David Castro : yep

18:56:08 From Michele Williams : Great question Shannon!

18:57:53 From Trina : During the first presentation (finance) provided to Group 3, Mr. Culbertson responded to a question regarding disc golf related to whether it would be pay to play and allow for a pro shop. My understanding of his answer is that the details of each approved change to Zilker would be subject to additional changes such as add on charges for use and permitting commercial vendors in the park. Is that understanding correct? Thank you.

18:59:31 From Shannon Mullan : Thanks, Michele! My family and I love the disc golf course. It was the first park I could take my newborn in his stroller and get some fun in :) The sport is also so ecologically sustainable!  
Awesome, thanks Trina. I think I t would be a nice idea for disc golf in Austin in general.

19:00:25 From Melissa Hawthorne : The term ecological uplift vs rewilding. Could you explain.

19:02:41 From Trina : Hi Shannon. I am glad you and your family have been enjoying the disc golf course. As far as my question, to clarify, I was just following up for clarification on the response provided to the disc golf question and how it applies to the entire plan.

19:03:09 From Karen Blizzard : Congratulations on the Siglo Group's great work creating the Zilker Natural Resources Survey as a guiding document for the Vision Plan. The emphasis on sustainability will help conserve the park for future generations. My question is: Is there a recommendation and a commitment to use eco-friendly construction materials for the new amenities the are proposed for the park, such as the land bridge and the visitor center?

19:03:26 From Shannon Mullan : Understood - Thanks so much, Trina.

19:03:42 From Bill Bunch : is there a single word in the plan about saving the springs from pollution and pumping by permanently protecting watershed upstream

19:04:02 From Ralph Webster : I love the disc golf course...wish you would clean it up and keep the grass cut

19:04:45 From Bill Bunch : where is the count for added new impervious cover at the welcome plaza? or harm to creek by engineering rather than restoring the Barton Creek shoreline below the pool?

19:05:41 From Bill Bunch : how much of uplift area is already wooded versus what is rewilding current lawn areas?

19:07:09 From Shannon Mullan : Ralph - the Waterloo Disc Golf Club as well as several individuals, have worked with the city for decades and has donated hundreds of hours of volunteer work and thousands of dollars in donation. I believe there is a workday almost every month in which disc golfers volunteer their time to pick up the course. Not many individuals can say they volunteer that much. I think thr disc golf community does a great job!

19:07:24 From Bill Bunch : how many hundreds of millions of dollars for parking garages, new commercial/concession venues, no fewer than 5 new bridges???

19:07:41 From Steve Barnick : The challenges of preventing pollution from the creek into BSP should absolutely have its own master plan and I would embrace that when it gains the kind of traction of Zilker.

19:07:42 From Ralph Webster : There is already over 800 acres of wild area...Barton Creek green belt...leave Zilker Park to the people

19:08:38 From Trina : Can you explain if the decision to move the volleyball courts was related to the ecological uplift and how? Thank you.

19:08:41 From Karen Blizzard : That's great! Thank you, Jonathan

19:08:41 From Bill Bunch : yes, zilker for people, not profits

19:10:10 From Ralph Webster : Make the profits work for Zilker

19:10:29 From Steve Prather : Bill I agree not for profit but some of the ACL revenue may help us in S

19:10:51 From Steve Prather : Austin create parkland in South Austin

19:11:20 From Laure McLaughlin : What about eco restoration of the old landfill?

19:11:49 From Bill Bunch : with restoration it will stabilize; just need to direct access to specific points rather than current free for all

19:12:00 From Trina : Thank you.

19:14:27 From Bill Bunch : all we need is to reforest; the replanted berm along the hike and bike trail shows what can be done; no need for a cap; there is none there now and don't need to add one; phytoremediation will be cheap and beautiful and engage community volunteers

19:16:02 From Bill Bunch : ashe juniper is native, not invasive

19:16:51 From Laure McLaughlin : Well, yes it is native but it can take over, too. Moderation is key.

19:25:18 From Karen Blizzard : The Vision Plan proposes to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for the entire community of Austin while balancing increased visitation with

ecological uplift. The proposed interpretive plan and story lines will share the park's history and culture with the public, including its history as a contested landscape. I also really like the proposed visitor hub on the banks of Barton Creek and Barton Springs to integrate the environment with the interpretive experience, and creating interpretive moments and wayfinding in every program area of the park. My question is: Would you consider adding an additional visitor hub in the area of the proposed land bridge to "meet people where they are" and provide education and interpretation?

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19:27:14 From 3 - Megan Eckard, Facilitator : Contact for additional questions: [ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov](mailto:ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov). In-person meeting will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McBeth Recreation Center

19:28:00 From Trina : Does the plan anticipate allowing vendors to charge for goods or services other than those that are regularly permitted (e.g. food trucks at Blues on the Green) or otherwise add fees that might prohibit or in any way hinder equity, diversity, and inclusion?

19:28:35 From Bill Bunch : since most of the park is a recognized archeological site with pre-Columbian native artifacts known to be widely distributed hard to see how building parking garages, land bridges, etc can be done without major disruptions

19:29:21 From Bill Bunch : how do the planners intend to protect native heritage resources known to be below the surface with all this construction everywhere?

19:30:13 From Trina : Does the response mean that commercial vendors, such as food trucks, are going to be present on a daily or regular basis?

19:31:42 From Trina : Thank you.

19:32:08 From Bill Bunch : my sound does not work; i'd prefer to minimize disturbance and consult with indigenous people on how they would like to be honored and reincorporated into their sacred spring sites

19:34:58 From Karen Blizzard : I also appreciate how DEI is being addressed through multi-modal transportation options for getting to the park, including proposed parking garages that will decrease impervious cover in the park. Although it would be nice if everyone could walk or take a bus, that option is not open to everyone across the city, nor can most people afford the time for an hours-long bus trip to and from the park.

19:35:23 From Bill Bunch : are all of the new deal sites in the park going to be protected and restored?

19:39:27 From Trina : Are the park resources going to be fee-based? For example, will the city charge: to enter the park; use the train; use the fields for disc golf; etc.

19:43:30 From Trina : \*use the fields for soccer; disc golf, etc.

19:46:43 From Karen Blizzard : Do you have ideas for how to control the cost of parking with third-party providers to ensure that it remains affordable for everyone?

19:47:14 From Bill Bunch : parking garages are too expensive, too damaging, wholly unnecessary and only encourage people to drive to the park when our overall city program is to reduce auto travel; there are parking garages nearby that have been ignored that could be used, in rollingwood on the west side of the park, in wallingwood on the south, and west along BS road; the idea that parking garages are for poor people is ridiculous; they are for paid, mostly for profit operators wanting more events and year around commercial venues in the park;

19:48:06 From Ralph Webster : I'm so proud of Barton Springs Conservancy, and their work in the realm of Public Private Partnership...\$8M for bathhouse renovation

19:48:48 From Bill Bunch : transit access looks much better but needs more, including summer zilker express to bring people to swim at Barton Springs to escape the heat; a shuttle that serves both tourists and locals can be paid with hotel tax

19:50:55 From Bill Bunch : new bridge across the lake and 3 new bridges over Barton Creek are wholly unnecessary, harmful, and enormously expensive; we can expand or replace existing ped bridge over the creek;

19:52:42 From Karen Blizzard : The proposed parking garages will consolidate surface parking and decrease impervious cover in the park. It is important to have some parking close to park amenities, as many users bring large items with them such as drums (monkey tree), watercraft, their dogs (for hanging out on the Great Lawn), strollers, and coolers. Though multi-modal transportation is necessary, parking needs to remain an option in the foreseeable future, and a green-roof parking garage is a better option than the multiple surface lots (and rogue parking) that currently exist.

19:53:35 From Karen Blizzard : Greg and Jonathan, thank you

19:53:39 From Bill Bunch : we need to reduce parking, not spend tens or hundreds of millions to expand it

19:54:54 From Karen Blizzard : @Laure, completely agree about allowing dogs on shuttles and buses!!!!

19:55:31 From Karen Blizzard : Hundreds of people enjoy the Great Lawn with their dogs. Currently, most of them drive there.

19:55:56 From Bill Bunch : Public works says expand BS Road bridge with new one, while this proposal is to reduce BS Road traffic to one lane each way; reducing the highway thru the park is a good idea but definitely requires some study; the historic bridge needs to be restored, not replaced with bigger, uglier, more destructive bridge

19:56:42 From Ed Scruggs : I believe there is a new road that would lead to the historic girl scout camp lodge, used often by parents with young children. Will there be any parking created or designated to serve camp visitors?

19:57:12 From Walt Neuschaefer : Parallel Parking on a road that acts as an east/west access to Mopac for Barton Hills/Zilker neighborhoods is dangerous and cause incredible traffic backup in all directions - so much so that emergency response will be hampered. You also have buses stopping in the travel lane - the backup would be so bad that accessing Barton Hills would be difficult - just because BSR would be so congested!! What is your response to Barton Hills which is landlocked from Mopac????



19:59:13 From Steve Prather : Bill said we need to reduce parking, not spend tens or hundreds of millions to expand it.-- It's not being expanded, the impervious cover is being reduced.

19:59:28 From Ed Scruggs : Yes that answered it

20:01:35 From Bill Bunch : I don't believe it and it costs way too much to build the garages; construction is also very destructive to natural and cultural resources; this is karst, remember? and the one on Azie Morton would be a traffic disaster

20:03:55 From Trina : Mr. Montes responded to a question about cost control for the proposed parking/parking garages. My understanding of his response is that whether the parking would be affordable or how to ensure parking prices were controlled cannot be determined unless and until the plan is approved. Is my understanding correct? If not, can clarification be provided? Thank you.

20:04:12 From 3 - Megan Eckard, Facilitator : We again thank you for participating in these breakout presentations. In a few short moments, we will be returned to the main room to close out tonight's meeting. If you need to drop off before we transition, you can email questions to [ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov](mailto:ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov). Our In-person open house will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McBeth Recreation Center.

20:04:29 From Janice Lowry : Same concern about the emergency vehicles with more congestion on Barton Springs Rd

20:05:09 From Steven : Will volleyball courts be close to parking? When tournaments are held, canopies and coolers and sound systems are needed. Had to rent a pump once when it rained too.

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20:06:22 From David Weinberg : is there an opportunity for general comment and not a question?

20:06:25 From Language Access Austin\_Susana Pimiento : Interpretation is available. If you are on your computer, you'll see a globe icon at the bottom of your screen. If you are on your tablet or phone, click the 3 dots, MORE, language interpretation and select your preferred language. Don't forget to press DONE!

Este hay interpretación. Si están en sus computadoras, presionen el ícono del globo en la parte de abajo de su pantalla. Si están en sus teléfonos o tabletas, hagan clic en los tres puntitos, más o more, seleccionen interpretación de idiomas y su idioma preferido. ¡No olviden presionar listo!

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20:06:36 From Deana Dossey : thank you all so much for your work to include us in the vision planning

20:07:04 From Roy Waley : Ana could you share that info with me by email?

20:07:07 From Michael C : Agreed. Great work on a most challenging project.

20:07:14 From Chris Holcomb : this was all impressively well handled with the breakouts

20:08:39 From Karen Blizzard : Congratulations on all the tremendous work to create the Vision Plan draft.

20:08:47 From A - Ana Gonzalez : @Roy, please send me an email at ana.gonzalez@austintexas.gov with the specific question(s) you want our department to address and I'll be happy to compile a response in consultation with our policy review staff

20:08:55 From Gordon Kelley : Great comment David!

20:08:57 From Neil Jeffery : David, 'play grounds ot what NOT' how di you grow up playing?

20:09:27 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Who is leading the implementation of the sports courts?

20:09:36 From Sarah Faust : Also the hillside theater location removes space currently used as open field.

20:09:38 From Laure McLaughlin : Would like clarification on whether a Zilker-specific non profit exists or is being discussed?

20:09:53 From Roy Waley : you got it thanks

20:09:55 From John D : I share a lot of great memories near the ground parking along the south side of the springs pool and Lou Neff Rd. I work online from my vehicle, cook near my vehicle, enjoy various food trucks that visit these areas, enjoy being able to have my vehicle to bring in sports, musical, and recreation gear, cooking gear, power for other activities etc. Some people just enjoy driving to the parks to enjoy sunset from their vehicle, one man has mobility limitations... All that to say that replacing ground parking with garage parking will restrict people in many ways, and effect social activities. What are the chances and ways to save ground parking?

20:10:03 From Trina : Will answers to the questions that were not answered during the breakout sessions due to time constraints be provided via email or by another means or is the purpose of this time to cut and paste the questions again here? Thank you.

20:10:09 From David Weinberg : but there is no field in that sports area by mopac that I see

20:10:33 From Jessica Walbridge : Can someone please confirm which lawns will be removed? What is the status of the field b/t Azie Morton and the pool? Thank you.

20:10:56 From Mark May : The Azie Morton duplicate playground is added since ACL blocks access to the main playground. This makes no sense.

20:11:00 From Karen Blizzard : Who in the community advocated for the Sports Complex? I didn't see it when I reviewed the public input from last year. The exceptions would be creating space for the existing fields that are being relocated, and there should be focus on retaining the disc golf course best holes.

20:13:22 From Christy Muse : Understanding we are in a vision phase now, assuming this is close to what will move forward, is there a timeline or plan for when a more in-depth geologic study of the sensitive karst springs system will be performed? Specifically when it comes to risk associated with the disturbance of the underground parking. Thanks!

20:13:23 From PARD Justin Schneider : Phillip, regarding implementing sports courts, that has not been decided and would come at a later time if it is included in the final vision plan.

20:13:29 From Neil Jeffery : blue hole looks really good since the rework a few years back!

20:13:51 From Karen Blizzard : Yes .. great job with Blue Hole!

20:14:02 From Michael C : Nelson, check out pages 137-138 of the draft plan to see a conceptual drawing of the Barking Springs/Spillway. Looks like a flood-resistant design with some trees and nature landscaping, but that could probably be improved.

20:14:20 From Chris Holcomb : i appreciate the improvements, but it's worth noting that the monkey tree and barking springs area is a culturally diverse and culturally significant area with weekly sunday gatherings

20:14:24 From Jessica Walbridge : Hello,What about access for dogs to Barkin?

20:14:57 From Elizabeth McGreevy : The Siglo/DW excavation/fill strategy to "restore" the landfill is "high cost." Since it is considered to be "high benefit", then WHY hasn't a phytoremediation feasibility study for the landfill been conducted since phytoremediation would be low cost and a greener solution??

20:15:00 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Thanks Justin, who can we speak with to address our concerns with sports implementation?

20:15:14 From Jessica Walbridge : Or what about a proposal to move ACL to another site? Was that a part of the consideration?

20:15:23 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : i.e. how many courts, facility options etc @Justin

20:15:48 From Ed Scruggs : Are there plans to move the Rowing Dock to another location and if so, what is the motivation for that change?

20:15:55 From Anne Wheat : Where are the restrooms for the big field? And Barking Springs? And South side of the pool?

20:16:14 From Nelson Guda : There are many great examples of city-nonprofit partnerships in other cities.

20:16:31 From Nelson Guda : New York, Portland, SF...

20:16:38 From Nelson Guda : Zilker should have one

20:17:18 From Roy Waley : great to see so many engaged citizens, wish we had a broader input.

20:17:28 From Bill Bunch : please read Parks for Profit; Selling Nature in the City by Kevin Loughran; you might see things differently

20:18:14 From Gordon Kelley : Some of the maps are inaccurate. The 'current' map for the disc golf/sports area shows no disc golf south of the current park road. So when the proposed map shows a bunch of extra room for disc golf by "shifting" it into that area, that is not correct. Half of the existing course is already over there in between Sunshine Camp and the new maintenance barn.

20:18:15 From Nelson Guda : Thanks Bill

20:18:33 From Chaz Armijo : what studies have been done to determine level of use for the different activities at the park? how well they impact the decision making?

20:18:50 From Chaz Armijo : \*how will

20:19:09 From Chris Holcomb : Roy, speaking as a former young person, many don't realize they'll be around for so long. I see many young people at barkin springs, the great lawn, and driving in and parking to gain access near the park or at trailheads.

20:19:14 From Bill Bunch : you are welcome; yes of course they do good things but things go awry more often than not

20:19:22 From Neil Jeffery : APF dose great stuff, also note teens and 20s spend thier mony, and sales tax reveue being one of the main componates of city revenue are very really contributing to Austin parks!

20:19:26 From Jessica Walbridge : Something that has struck me throughout this presentation: This is being presented as a DRAFT in the Concept Phase and yet, the presenting team is using language like "we will, we have." And some of our policy questions have been referred to the implementation phase, which feels really backwards. I really appreciate this session, but I am not clear on what is already baked and what is still up for discussion and that is a bit frustrating.

20:20:19 From Walt Neuschaefer : Does state law permit use of hotel occupancy tax to fund parks rather than sending all the tax revenue to convention center??

20:20:26 From Roy Waley : right you are Jessica

20:20:31 From Judith Sims : Check out the Barton Springs Conservancy website.

20:20:59 From Craig Nazor : ACL has not been mentioned in the plan or by any presenter until questions have been asked about. I get that ACL is controversial. Nevertheless, I think it HAS to be a part of this discussion if you want major trust/buy-in for this project. Also, a significant number of

participants in these discussions have talked extensively about “rewilding.” It appears that you have consider this in some of your planning, but the connection hasn't been made verbally. I’m not sure why that is.

20:21:07 From Daniela Brown : I think due to the value of Zilker its important that anyone making these kinds of changes put in writing what will be done if they mess up, and the value of the ecology ends up being degraded

20:21:59 From K brimble : This is a very well considered plan.

20:22:39 From Bill Bunch : not necessary to remove; just let the trees grow and if there are toxins they are better locked up within the biomass; no need to cut it down and haul it off

20:22:40 From PARD Justin Schneider : Thanks, Phillip. Number of courts, types of courts, options like that would be a part of that process with additional input from community members.

20:23:14 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : I agree Craig, continuing to conduct ACL here feels like the exact opposite of a goal to "rewild" the park. @Claire, I understand many people come to the park for events. However, many of these people are not tax paying residents.

20:23:48 From Bill Bunch : if the waste were a problem it would have already been abundantly clear; we don't need to dig up anything

20:23:51 From D - Charlie McCabe (Finance/Implementation) : In response to Walt’s Q about use of Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) in parks, yes they are used for improvements subject to rules laid out by city council, usually historic structures.

20:23:53 From Gordon Kelley : The plan shows putting a parking lot and a big Sports Area on a large part of the existing disc golf course land. The Sports Area having Volleyball courts, sports courts, children’s play area, and a baseball field.

The problems with this are:

1) You are taking an area with elevation change (area of holes 11 – 16) and putting sports courts, playground, parking lot, and baseball field there; things that need flat ground so they will have to flatten everything and remove lots of trees. 2) The maps are inaccurate; you can’t shift part of the course to south of the existing park road because the course is already there (holes 1 – 9).

3) You are taking away a large number of the oldest and best holes out there.

20:24:01 From Gordon Kelley : So a good solution is for the plan to put ALL this stuff over where it is already completely flat: the Polo Picnic Area parking lot, picnic tables, space between there and the concrete bathrooms, and part of the Polo Field Lawn. Don’t move the disc golf course to this area, put all these other things there.

And then leave the disc golf course where it is.

20:24:02 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Has a survey ever been conducted with the public on what residents want to do with these types of events in the park?

- 20:24:10 From Elizabeth McGreevy : Exactly, no reason to remove the trees.
- 20:24:34 From Elizabeth McGreevy : NO...not if you incorporate bacteria and fungi
- 20:25:17 From Patty Justice : Some of the maps are inaccurate. I understand this is a 'draft'; however part of the inaccuracy directly affects how the Disc Golf part looks. There wouldn't actually be any extra room like it shows on the map.
- 20:25:43 From Sarah Faust : I asked a question in my breakout if you all could elaborate on the role of Zilker Collective, they were listed on a slide as "collaborators" on par with boards and commissions. Who is this group, and how did they become a collaborator? I was told this question could not be answered in the breakout but would be answered in the open session.
- 20:25:51 From Jessica Walbridge : It feels like some of the point of this plan to is fix the ACL parking and playscape access problem.. If there was no ACL, there would be no ACL aprking and access problems. And if it is only contributes \$1m in revenue that hardly seems worth the expense.
- 20:25:58 From K brimble : There are lots of taxpayers that enjoy going to ACL. Zilker should be a park for everyone.
- 20:26:06 From David Weinberg : moving them to where? there is no sports field in the sports complex design.
- 20:26:42 From Elizabeth McGreevy : This is just a vision plan. So we still have time to conduct a phytoremediation study. The time is now for greener strategies.
- 20:27:15 From Nelson Guda : I agree completely with this. Austin is getting shafted for ACL compared to what other cities get for festivals of similar size. Why do we have to give up our park for 10% of the year?
- 20:27:16 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : I enjoy ACL but not at the cost of not being able to access the park for months. I rather enjoy it somewhere different like Circuit of Americas
- 20:27:53 From Don Weckler : Does the city have an estimate of the number of users on the disc golf course?
- The course was changed to add a maintenance shed, and the holes that replaced that space are very nice, thank you very much, but IMO existing park amenities should not be sacrificed to add new ones.
- 20:27:53 From Chris Holcomb : I really don't understand all the complaints about ACL. There are many amenities open year-round despite it.
- 20:27:58 From Craig Nazor : ACL is an exclusive use. few other events are an exclusive use. ACL can be moved to a more suitable area in Austin.
- 20:28:03 From Karen Blizzard : I asked a question earlier about who in the community is advocating for the Sports Complex?
- 20:28:05 From Neil Jeffery : we need playscapes for kids, look at how manny kids play on a playscape per acher over a baseball field it good use
- 20:29:09 From Bill Bunch : the place for the new rowing dock is up on a bluff; makes zero sense

20:29:55 From David Weinberg : Neil, there are brand new playgrounds at butler shores, there are also playgrounds at zilker and barton hills elementary. I live by Zilker and I'm not aware of any clamoring for more playgrounds in the park.

20:30:04 From Mark May : Neil- Totally support playscapes, let's make ACL allow access to the existing one. You keep your playscape access, I keep my fields

20:30:12 From David Weinberg : Losing all of the sports fields for 1/4th of the year would be lousy.

20:30:34 From Roy Waley : Walter Long Park would be a great place for ACL but it will never happen since it doesn't have the back drop of the Austin Skyline. Marketing baby!

20:30:38 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Thank you for joining our breakout sessions, please remember that you can share your input on the full draft plan here:

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20:31:43 From Reynaldo Hernandez : Thank you all

20:31:51 From Michael C : Thanks, y'all!!!!!!

20:32:32 From K brimble : Thanks for creating this forum for hearing community members' thoughts and concerns.

20:33:07 From Gordon Kelley : inaccurate maps: 145/146 "current" and 147/148 "proposed". also 125/126 and 127/128.

20:33:26 From Craig Nator : This was a useful duscussion. Thanks to those who helped make it work.

20:33:52 From Christy Muse : Feeling grateful for the good work here and for our community's watchful eyes. Thank you.

20:34:41 From Michael C : The current uses are described in fair detail in the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment report, [https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning\\_and\\_Development/Zilker\\_Vision/Z\\_PVP\\_SANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Planning_and_Development/Zilker_Vision/Z_PVP_SANA%206.29.21%20reduced.pdf)

20:36:51 From Trina : Ms. Hempel answered a question regarding whether a proposal was made to move ACL to another site. My understanding of her response was that the public felt it was important to keep events at Zilker. However, I understand the response to have grouped Zilker activities together rather than isolating it to ACL. Can you clarify if the public was asked about moving only ACL to another location, and if so, where can the results be found? Thank you.

20:36:57 From Lara Foss : Some folks love ACL in Zilker

20:37:12 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Once again, we appreciate your valuable questions and feedback.

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20:37:15 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Please engage volleyball and other sport communities already using the park in the process, i.e. - Austin Sports and Social, Sportskind

20:37:38 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : None of the people I've spoken with from these organizations were familiar with this vision plan

20:38:16 From Steven : Zilker makes ACL special!

20:38:56 From Michael C : I certainly enjoy ACL at Zilker, as do my miserable children, friends, and family. It's a splendid experience for people to enjoy music in this SPECTACULAR outdoor setting.

20:39:08 From Chaz Armijo : thank you all

20:39:17 From Lara Foss : Great job Justin! Thank you!!!!

20:39:21 From Roy Waley : Phillip there is still time to organize folks to have their say. There's a lot of talk about the outreach but it seems sorely lacking to very specific groups of park users. Organize!

20:39:23 From Craig Nazor : ACL is an inequitable use of parkland. Many people cannot afford it.

20:39:24 From Jessica Walbridge : Thank you.

20:39:24 From Trina : Thank you.

20:39:29 From Gordon Kelley : Thanks Y'all.

20:42:34 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Thanks!

20:42:39 From Roy Waley : This is an insiders game. What about backing off and doing real outreach. Something as simple as going to the Park and engaging citizens like the sports court users

20:42:41 From Shannon Mullan : thanks so much everyone

20:42:51 From Don Weckler : Has anyone who has intended changes to the disc golf course ever tried the sport?

Disc golf is a great low-impact sport for everyone from 8 to 80 years old. Try it you will love it.

20:42:53 From Shannon Mullan : great question!

20:43:54 From Phillip Smith (Volleyball Advocate) : Outreach could use improvement from everyday park users

20:44:02 From Shannon Mullan : thanks Karen 🙏



20:44:50 From Karen Blizzard : They have done a tremendous amount of outreach. Of course more can always be done.

20:44:55 From Shannon Mullan : how about lawn signs at the park? to let folks know

20:45:01 From Elizabeth McGreevy : It's because they only asked questions of people using the pool.

20:45:29 From Shannon Mullan : thanks so much for organizing! happy to be a part of it.

20:46:19 From Karen Blizzard : Thank you all for this tremendous work and facilitation!!!

20:46:50 From Chris Holcomb : really professional job folks, impressed. we all care about this. cheers, thanks

20:47:21 From CPIO- Lucero Arechiga : Feedback: <https://publicinput.com/ZilkerVision>.  
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20:47:31 From Trina : If responses are provided to the unanswered questions during this meeting, can you let us know where to find those?